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Hand Back Village, Demand

Berlin, Oct. 19. General Mathewson, the American Commandant in Berlin, today demanded that the Soviet authorities should restore to West Berlin the village of Steinbocken, which was seized last night by East German

police. In a letter of protest to the Soviet representative, General Dengin, the General termed the seizure an arbitrary act which violated agreements. Steinbocken belonged to American jurisdiction, he said. —Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Future Of The Sudan

EGYPT this week has committed two flagrant violations of bilateral contracts. She has abrogated the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936 and repudiated the Sudan condominium of 1899, declaring King Farouk as king of that territory. The future of the Sudan poses a peculiar problem. Three questions arise: shall the eight million assorted people living in 1,000,000 variegated square miles, continue to evolve methodically towards independence under British patronage? Shall they become a sort of self-governing protectorate under King Farouk, with Egypt controlling their foreign affairs, army, defence and currency? Or shall they become independent right away and do the best they can? As far as claims to the possession of the Sudan are concerned the record is almost too complicated to provide much answer. Egypt conquered it in the 1820's and established a shaky rule, punctuated by revolts and massacres. Britain entered the picture in 1882 when she militarily occupied Egypt. And the two countries together pacified the Sudan in 1899 and established the condominium—Britain supplying the Governor-General and Egypt the troops. In 1924 Britain secured the removal of Egyptian troops as a reprisal for the assassination of Sir Lee Stack by Cairo extremists. Since then the practical responsibility for the Sudan has been solely Britain's. From the legal point of view there can be no question about Britain's position in the Sudan. The condominium still exists and the 1899 treaty makes no provision for its termination at the discretion of either party. History refutes Egypt's ability to rule the Sudan. Her record was one of oppression, slavery, corruption and exploitation, with spasmodic and always unsuccessful efforts to introduce reforms. Britain's influence, while not wholly disinterested, has promoted economic progress and led to a

substantial advance in self-government. Britain has declared she entertains no desire to possess the Sudan, and she has proved that by a rapid process of "Sudanisation" and a genuine encouragement of political independence. But Britain's interests demand that the Sudan should possess a stable government, and this the Egyptians cannot provide. Egypt, for her part, is concerned—to a degree almost pathological—with the safety and preservation of the head waters of the Nile. To Egypt, the Nile is life itself; nothing can replace it. And the dread exists that the Sudanese, one day, may interfere with the Nile — to Egypt's detriment. Adding to the problem is the attitude of the Sudanese themselves. The politically conscious minority is divided roughly into the Umma, or Independent Party, which aims at reaching national independence under British tutelage, and the Ashigga or Unionist Parties, which favour union with Egypt. The goal, in both cases, is eventual complete independence. Britain has illustrated her appreciation of the importance of the issues at stake by proposing several amendments and additions to the existing treaty, all and each of which are aimed at further progress towards self-government for the Sudanese, and of making the Nile more and more fruitful for both Egypt and the Sudan. The proposals are conciliatory as well as progressive and are calculated to appeal to the Sudanese generally. They eschew completely the idea of exploitation, and give full recognition to Egypt's rightful interests in the future of the Sudan. They have been summarily rejected by Egypt, but this must not be taken as an unalterable decision on the part of the Egyptian Government. Circumstances may yet temper emotions and persuade the Egyptians to a more reasonable and receptive attitude.

Enlarging An Air Base



Tripoli's huge air base, now being used by the United States Military Transport Command at Mellaha, is in the course of being further enlarged, and this picture shows some of the thousand Arab workers engaged on the task of enlarging the airfield. Just off the field, and seen in background, is a mosque.—AP Picture.

UN Discussion On Oil Dispute Adjourned

Flushing Meadow, Oct. 19. The Security Council today voted to adjourn the discussion of the Anglo-Persian oil dispute until The Hague Court has ruled on United Nations competence on the question.

The vote was eight to one, Russia voting against. Britain and Yugoslavia abstained. Before this Yugoslavia told the Council that it could not support a British resolution calling

for the resumption of Anglo-Iranian talks.

France proposed an adjournment of the debate until The Hague Court had ruled whether the oil dispute was within the jurisdiction of the United Nations. Dr. Ales Ebebler (Yugoslavia) explained that he doubted the competence of the Council to deal with the matter.

If a majority of the members of the Council had taken a "conclusive" stand on this question Yugoslavia might have been able to support the pending resolution.

But this had not happened, Dr. Ebebler added.

He left it to the Council to conclude that if the matter is put to a vote he would be unable to lend his support.

M. Francois Lacoste (France) then proposed the adjournment. Sir Gladwyn Jebb (Britain) agreed with the French proposal and added that if the Council did not support it he would press for a vote on the amended British resolution.

No Persian delegate was present at today's session. The Persians had previously told the Council that they had stated their position and would not participate in further meetings.

Mr. Warren Austin (United States) said that he would vote for the resolution to adjourn.

SOVIET OBJECTION
The Soviet delegate, Mr. Teurnin, said that his delegation had objected to the inclusion of the item on the agenda of the Security Council and for the same reason could not agree to the French motion.

He said, "The Security Council is unable to consider this question altogether."

Dr. T. F. Tsiang (Nationalist China) said that he would vote for the French resolution. But he added that even if The Hague Court decided that it was not competent to deal with the question it would not necessarily follow that the Council was not competent.

Dr. Antonio Quvedo (Ecuador) announced support for the French proposal.

"If the International Court of Justice had down a decision in favour of the British, then there would be no need for the Security Council to consider the question at all but if only one of the parties was favourable to the Court's decision then it would be right for the matter to come before the Council," he said.—Reuter.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SUEZ CRISIS

Britain Sends Two Warships FUTURE OF THE SUDAN SPECULATION

Cairo, Oct. 19. Britain sent two more warships to the Suez Canal zone today and served notice on Egypt that she will demand damages of anti-British rioting and barred two top Egyptian officials from the Sudan.

There are unconfirmed reports also that 1,000 more British troops have left Cyprus for the Canal zone.

Planes shuttled 3,500 paratroopers from Cyprus to the zone on Wednesday and Thursday. At the same time Egypt began calling up army reserves.

These developments came on top of British occupation of another Suez Canal zone town last night and the British threat to seize and operate Egyptian tugs which refused to move British ships.

Dispatches from Malta said that the 1,710-ton British destroyers Chequers and Chevron, sailed for the Canal zone to join the 8,000-ton cruiser Gambia which arrived at Port Said yesterday.

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Mr. Robert Howe, British Governor of the Sudan, territory which Egypt is trying to annex, has ordered Egyptian troops in the Sudan, not to return there from Cairo.

Religious preachers in Moslem mosques called on Egyptians to close their ranks behind the Government in its dispute with Britain. They asked the people to remain calm, however, so as not to prejudice the national cause. Special prayers were said for Egyptians killed in rioting in the Canal zone earlier this week—estimated variously at 10 to 17.

"HOLY WAR"

Five thousand Moslems chorused "Amen" today when their Imam promised a "Holy War" against the British.

Dark, gray-haired Sheikh Mohammed Abdel Kader, religious preacher in the Suez Canal zone, led Sabbath prayers this noon before a huge congregation that packed the great Abassi Mosque and spilled onto the street.

The Sheikh exhorted the people to exercise resolute self-control in the present explosive situation in which he claimed the "British are determined to exploit every false move on our part."

The situation, he declared, required cool heads and patient organization until "the hour of Jihad strikes, and it will strike soon."

Meanwhile, British troops continued a close check of all passengers and cargo entering the Canal area aboard trains, buses, trucks and cars.

NEWSMAN SEARCHED

A United Press correspondent was searched twice last night in the 30-mile trip from Fayid to Ismailia. His taxi was stopped by a dozen British soldiers carrying sub-machine guns and bayoneted rifles.

As the British reduced street barricades in Ismailia they stepped up the number of guards on British families. Every British woman who leaves the house is accompanied by a soldier with a rifle.

All seven of the two-inch cables carrying electric current from the power-house in the RAP station in Ismailia to British military installations as far north as Port Said, were cut before dawn, United Press staff correspondent Zaki Salama reported from Ismailia.

On poles at points where the cables were cut, three miles north of Ismailia, were scrawled the words "Moslem Brothers need."

The cables were repaired during the day while reinforced troops and armoured patrols guarded the area.

UNEASY CALM

Uneasy calm blanketed controversial Sudan today as observers weighed the possibilities of firm British action against Egyptian demands would lead to eventual Sudanese self-government within the British Commonwealth.

Egypt's breaking of the treaty with the United Kingdom after half a century of joint rule over the Sudan's 4,000,000 inhabitants has left the average citizen cold. But Party leaders and Government officials have been feverishly active.

A Government commission studying a new Sudanese constitution met in Omdurman today to review the sub-committee's draft. It is understood that the draft recommends full self-government with two Houses of Parliament and an all-Sudanese cabinet. Elections would be held next Spring.

The Legislative Assembly, meanwhile, has been recalled to meet next Thursday, 11 days ahead of schedule, at the request of several members fearing rapid developments in the Anglo-Egyptian tussle might out-run the wishes of the country.

While no violence such as that which plagued Egypt recently has yet occurred in the Sudan, several authorities expressed the belief that trouble may be brewing.

BIG QUESTION

The pro-Egypt Ashigga Party has already threatened large-scale meetings and only yesterday the Party leader, Ismail el Azhari, told a crowd in Omdurman, "Be ready for the hard struggle ahead to liberate the Sudan from British administration. I assure you that you will not fight alone. The whole Egyptian people will fight with you."

With British forces in the Sudan being reinforced, the role of several hundred Egyptian troops stationed here poses a large question mark.

"We have our clear orders from Cairo," a junior officer cryptically told a reporter. "We will carry them out in due course."

The Sudan's Umma Party, standing for independence, claims that sovereignty now has returned.

The leader, Sir Abdel Rahman el Mahdi Fasha, claims that actual power should now be returned to the people as soon as possible.

The Governor-General, meanwhile, has made it clear that Egypt's parliamentary action in decreeing Egyptian King Farouk the legal occupant of the Sudanese throne makes no difference in the 1,000,000 square-mile condominium.

He said, "Outside interference will not be tolerated."

In the background of this political turmoil, the Sudanese man-in-the-street went about his usual business, still almost completely unaware of the situation.

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300 Travellers Marooned

Rome, Oct. 19. Military aircraft today dropped emergency food supplies to 300 passengers of the Syracuse-Rome Express marooned in Sicily for three days by storm.

The storms have killed 36 people in Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia in the last four days, according to reports reaching here.

Landslides and floods blocked roads and cut railway lines.

Crops throughout the storm-stricken area have been flattened and many old houses blown down in furious gales.—Reuter.

ALGIERS HIT BY HURRICANE

Algiers, Oct. 19. Violent wind and rain storms of hurricane force which swept the coast for more than 48 hours subsided today but heavy rains are still falling, transforming already hard hit areas into huge swamps.

Whole blocks of buildings have collapsed under the pressure of water in some parts of the stricken area. Officials said that three persons were reported to have been drowned while hundreds of natives were homeless.

The authorities said that an estimate of the damage was not available but "it would certainly run into millions of francs."

Water, several metres high, smashed protective walls of the Oued Rabra water dam, flooding hundreds of hectares of arable land.

HAMLETS DESTROYED
Two native hamlets were carried off by the on-rushing waters.

A total of 350 inhabitants were hastily evacuated by French Army trucks.

Thirty native sheds were destroyed off Algiers when tons of mud crushed houses. The authorities said that no one was hurt in the landslides.

Two hundred persons living on hill slopes had been evacuated, it was added.

Army planes circled over ravaged territories, directing rescue columns by radio. These columns were rushing to help hundreds of inhabitants who sought refuge on an elevated plateau, French Army troops transporting parachuted food and first aid equipment over the area surrounded by surging waters from all parts.—United Press.

Final Stage Of Election Campaign Begins

London, Oct. 19. Labour Party agents and supporters throughout Britain today began a final general election drive.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Party's chief tactician, went to campaign in the heavily populated northern industrial areas. His week-end tour will cover five Lancashire towns including Manchester. He will try to win over the Liberal vote, traditionally strong there.

The Conservatives said today that their agents were reporting a significant right-wing swing in Lancashire and the East Midlands, also a great manufacturing belt.

Reports from Labour officials confirm that there are some danger signs for the Socialists in the north.

But Socialists were more optimistic tonight that in the next six days they would close the gap that public opinion polls show in favour of the Conservatives.

Today's poll showed Labour closing up rapidly. In three weeks the Conservative lead has diminished from 11 to 4.5 per cent.

But a Conservative Party spokesman said that reports from nearly all constituencies showed a swing away from Socialism of from three to seven per cent of voters since the 1950 election.

CHURCHILL REFUSES
Mr. Winston Churchill today refused to fill in a questionnaire the Liberals have sent to Conservative and Labour candidates in constituencies where no Liberal is intervening.

Mr. Churchill declared that it would not be suitable for him as a Conservative leader to answer the questionnaire which is meant as a guide to Liberal voters.

Lord Bea, campaign leader of the Liberals, said, "We are disappointed."

The Communist leader, Mr. Harry Pollitt, denied the chance to broadcast an election speech to Britain, will make a brief broadcast to the United States instead.

The BBC refused Mr. Pollitt facilities because his Party has only 10 candidates fighting the election.

The American Broadcasting Company, preparing an eye of election review, has invited him to make a recording.

Mr. Clement Attlee, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Bevan will be among those on the programme.

Mr. Pollitt today issued the speech he wanted to broadcast to vote Labour where there was no Communist candidate but accused Labour's leaders of joining the Conservatives in backing American foreign policy.—Reuter.

Your Radio Listening For Next Week In Detail—A "China Mail" Feature

Radio Hongkong Relaying Election Results

All Day On Friday

October 25th is Polling Day in the British General Election. At 10 o'clock (GMT) that night, the BBC's Overseas Service will begin to broadcast an hourly election news bulletin. Radio Hongkong's plans in covering the General Election are to relay the latest news to listeners in the Colony as it becomes available from the BBC—reception conditions, of course, permitting. This means that Radio Hongkong will come on the air at 7 a.m. on October 26th, and throughout the day, so long as it remains possible, will continue to bring in results.

The normal programmes therefore, may be interrupted for news "flashes". If, by 7.30 (H.K. Summer Time) one or other party has an absolute majority, Radio Hongkong will revert to normal programmes. If, however, the issue is still in doubt, the station will continue to take programme relays from the BBC until, in fact, the issue has been decided.

The two final election speeches to be broadcast by the BBC are given by the Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, M. P., Conservative, who may be heard by listeners in Hongkong at 9.30 this evening, and the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Clement Attlee, who closes the series tomorrow night at the same time.

Next Wednesday, October 24th, is United Nations Day, sixteenth anniversary of the day on which the United Nations formally came into existence. "Coming Attractions" at 8.15 that evening is a programme specially compiled for this occasion by U.N. Radio. It is narrated by the well-known stage and film actor Robert Cummings.

"Saturday Roundup" tonight comes at 9.15 instead of the usual 8.15 p.m. There is a change in character as well as time in this week's programme, as listeners will be taken to the Bowling Alleys of the Hongkong Club for Bill Phillips' commentary on the match between the Naval team led by the Naval Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Guy Russell, and Mr. J. H. Moulden, leader of six from the Hongkong Club.

(Broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 0.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band).

Tonight

12.30 PROGRAMME SUMMARY.
12.32 LIGHT MUSIC BY THE BOURNEMOUTH MUNICIPAL ORCHESTRA.
1.00 ORCHESTRAL FAVOURITES.
1.05 NEWS.
2.00 STUDIO: "FORCES' CHOICE."
2.30 "PAUL TALK" AND THE CUBAN CASE.
3.00 POPULAR SONGS FROM "BRIGADOON" (LENNER-LOEWS).
3.30 "SOUTHERN FANTASY" (Continued).

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Canterbury Fair; At Dawning; Legend: Noel Coward Fantasy; Song of the Orchid; Ode to Strings; 6.30 STUDIO: "SERVICES EVEN."
Conducted by Mr. Gordon Blair, Soldiers and Airmen Scriptural Association.
7.00 "THE ADVENTURES OF P.C. 49."
By Alan Stranks.
"The case of the record catch" 7.30 "LIGHT MUSIC" (CON-TRIBUTORS).
Piano: Panorama (Philip Green); The Columbia Orchestra; Just a wearying for you (Jacobs-Bond); Peter York; My heart in Mayfair (Chase); The Melachino Strings; La Vie En Rose (Louguy); The Melachino Strings; The Columbia Orchestra; Thine Waltz from "The dark Secret" (Louguy); The Melachino Strings; Violins in the Night (Melachino); The Melachino Strings; Tristesse (Chopin); Albert Sandler & His Orchestra; The Melachino Strings; Torch and His Orchestra.
8.00 WORLD NEWS AND NEWS ANALYSIS (LONDON RELAY).

8.15 "SONGS FROM OPERA."
Largo A Fictum della città—Paolo Silveri (Bartoloni) with the Royal Opera House Orchestra; Una Voce (Poco Micheli); (Soprano) with the London Symphony Orchestra; "La Calandula"—Paolo Silveri (Bartoloni) with the Royal Opera House Orchestra; "Heritage of Britain"—The British Abroad.
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They Are Making The Pirate Picture To End All Pirate Pictures

Says JACK DAVIES

ISCHIA, Italy. ASK any cinema manager what sort of films make the most money and nine out of ten will say: "Give me one about cowboys or pirates."

Out here on the island of Ischia, off Naples, Burt Lancaster's Norma Productions is making the pirate picture to end all pirate pictures.

Entitled "The Crimson Pirate," photographed in Technicolor and starring Mr. Lancaster, it is being made apparently regardless of time and cost.

£250,000 "DOUBLE" ORIGINALLY the unit was scheduled to be shooting on or around the island for eight weeks. It looks as though the schedule will have to be doubled. When finished it will have cost, I should say, over half a million pounds.

This week weather permitting (it is raining as I write), they will film the final big scene of the story. It should make an unusual spectacle.

In the harbour of Ischia, an 18th-century fair-ground has been built round a 40 ft. high granary in which is concealed a balloon built on the style of that invented by the Montgolfiers.

When the time comes to film the scene, chief pirate Lancaster and his assistant, Nick Cravat, will board the frail-looking platform around the base of the balloon.

Then, with the festivities in full swing and hundreds of extras milling around, Mr. Lancaster's pirates, attack the granary. The pirates, Lancaster and Cravat, make their escape by the balloon which will fly (or so it will appear) across the harbour.

In point of fact, however, the balloon does not fly at all. Two skeleton steel towers 80 ft. high have been built about 200 yards apart, and the balloon, suspended on a cable hung between them, will make its flight funicular fashion.

Even so, it will be a perilous journey and one I would not care to make myself—even for Mr. Lancaster's salary.

THE problems of filming on location and at sea on board the pirate ship, a three-masted galleon, France, are many.

For a start it is necessary to have tri-lingual assistant directors. Robert Siodmak, director of "The Crimson Pirate," is lucky in this respect. His assistants, Gus Agosti and Piero Musetta, can repeat his instructions in French to the galleon's crew, in Italian to the extras, and in English to the cast.

Another member of the unit who is kept well occupied is the costume designer and supervisor, Margaret Furse.

Daily she must supervise the transportation of well over a hundred costumes from shore to galleon, a journey that involves the use of a car and two launches.

Miss Furse still has a far-away look in her eye when she recalls how, after a battle scene aboard the France, during which almost every member of the crew was thrown overboard, she spent the rest of the day in a rowing boat picking up hats, wigs, props and other items of 18th-century gent's wear that were floating out into the Mediterranean.

MOST of the cast of "The Crimson Pirate," including Noel Purcell, James Hayter, Eva Bartok, Leslie Bradley and Elton Mackham, all of whom are still here, were recruited in London.

But for many of the local Italians, who are so poor they would regard a church mouse as a rich relation, the chance of working as extras has been a blessing. That goes for one young Londoner, too.

Thirty-year-old Owen Kraly, fated up with city life, decided last June to work his way round the world. He set off from London with £5 in his pocket and much determination in his heart.

Since then he has shone shoes in Paris, worked as a lorry loader in Zurich and on a flower farm in Dijon. He turned up in Ischia a week or so ago with exactly 110 lire.

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"With the money I've earned," he told me, "I shall be able to get to India." Acting still has no charms for him.

LIKE everyone else on the unit, Burt Lancaster "works as a horse," as one Italian put it. Shooting begins theoretically at 6 a.m., finishes when the sun goes down.

When this is finished he will make a film in Hollywood and then produce and probably appear in a "Trio"-like film based on short stories by James Thurber, Ring Lardner and Scott Fitzgerald.

For those who like to keep a note of sartorial accomplishments of film stars, Lancaster wears off set a fawn wind-cheater, blue shorts and plimsoles. The other day he was also wearing a large piece of sticking plaster on his right calf.

"Battle scar from the film?" I asked.

"No," he replied. "Picked up a ringworm on the beach."

Harold Conway On

The £400,000 Charley's Aunt

WHERE'S Charley?

Charley and his "aunt"—in the person of Broadway's Ray Bolger—are at present luxuriating amid £400,000 of splendour at Elstree.

The lady from Brazil is undergoing a Technicolor facial. I doubt whether her best friends will recognise her by the time this most famous of English farces arrives on the screen.

Mr Bolger, at 47 a seasoned undergraduate, is acting faithful to the old convention in his fashion; but a million dollars' worth of trimmings make a pretty formidable disguise.

Work goes on at Elstree; but British cinema-goers may be asking "where's Charley?" for a long time to come. For a remarkable situation has arisen over this costly production.

INTO COLD STORAGE

HOLLYWOOD'S Warner Brothers sent over Mr Bolger, Canadian-born dancer Allyn McLerie and an American director to film the story against authentic Oxford backgrounds. Now they don't know when the finished article can be shown in England.

They must wait on the word of Jevan Brandon-Thomas—son of the man who wrote "Charley's Aunt." For he holds an option to produce over here the Broadway musical on which the film is based.

The option is good for another year. During that time, Mr Brandon-Thomas has the right to hold up any showing of the picture in this country. If the stage show goes on in London, he is insistent that it will—the film must wait for another year after that.

So the Warners may have to put Charley and his aunt into cold storage—all £400,000 worth.

Meanwhile, Ray Bolger is not worrying about his—and Miss McLerie's—transatlantic accent.

WILL TALK AMERICAN

"CHARLEY'S aunt will be a Yankee all right," says Bolger. "I won't as I don't believe in a Yankee that I ever did go to Oxford—will they?"

"This is farce, remember. Let's not get all historical.

Key figure on the Elstree set is a woman, watchfully knitting, who will not be credited at all on the screen. She is Gwen Bolger, the comedian's wife, who co-produced the original Broadway show.

Scarcely a line or action sequence concerning Mr Bolger was committed to the camera, the day I was there, without a consultation between the director and Mrs Bolger.

"If Ray is Charley's Aunt, then I am Charley's guardian angel," she told me in purposeful tones.

FOR COMMAND SHOW?

MY tip for this year's American star-special at the Royal Variety Performance: Patricia Morrison, now over 200 performances old in Kiss Me Kate.

Miss Morrison continues to show London how farce can be acted—and sung—with intelligence. The curtain is down at the Coliseum by 10 p.m.—so she should have time to join the royal proceedings at the Victoria Palace well before the end.

Largely, however, I expect British talent to come into its own at the 1951 Royal Variety show. Jack Hylton has a large part in arranging the programme; and he is actually a believer in British stars especially British comics.

ANNIE SHOOTS TO KILL LONDON has apparently said a long farewell to Miss Morrison's fellow-American predecessor at Coliseum—Dolores Gray.

The Annie-Get-Your-Gun girl has just made her first star appearance in her own country—a revue with comedian Bert Lahr. And Broadway is belatedly making its own discovery about Dolores.

Some of the critics had never heard of her before. "Who is this blonde bombshell?" they were demanding. I see New York's leading critic, Brooks Atkinson had heard about the Coliseum, but he says: "Now that Miss Gray is back in America, the State Department should refuse her any more visas."

Well, it is nice to know we are finding a helping hand to Broadway in spotting its own stars. Why don't they send a few more promising "unknowns" over to us? We are always anxious to oblige by building them into top-liners—It's an old West End custom.

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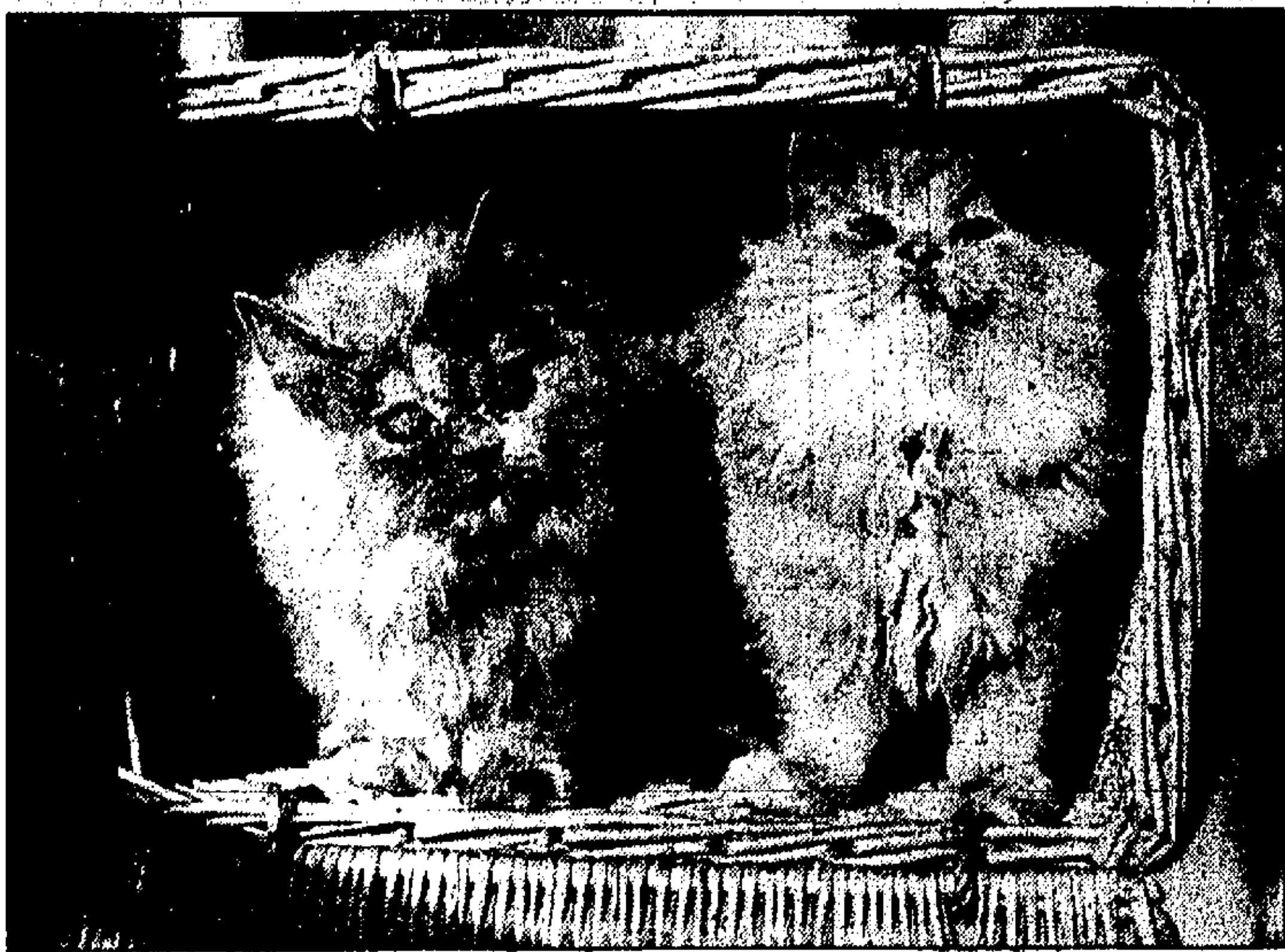
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DISPARAGING sniff from aristocratic Dawn of Pensford (right), taking a nose-in-air view of London's Olympia where, with more placid companion, Twilight of Pensford, it was appearing in the Crystal Cat Show. They are blue-cream Persians. (Reuterphoto)



LEFT: The girl with British TV's most beautiful legs, Rene Strange, with one of the characters in the puppet show which she puts over. She is to be Principal Boy in a Christmas pantomime, "Mother Goose." (Reuterphoto)

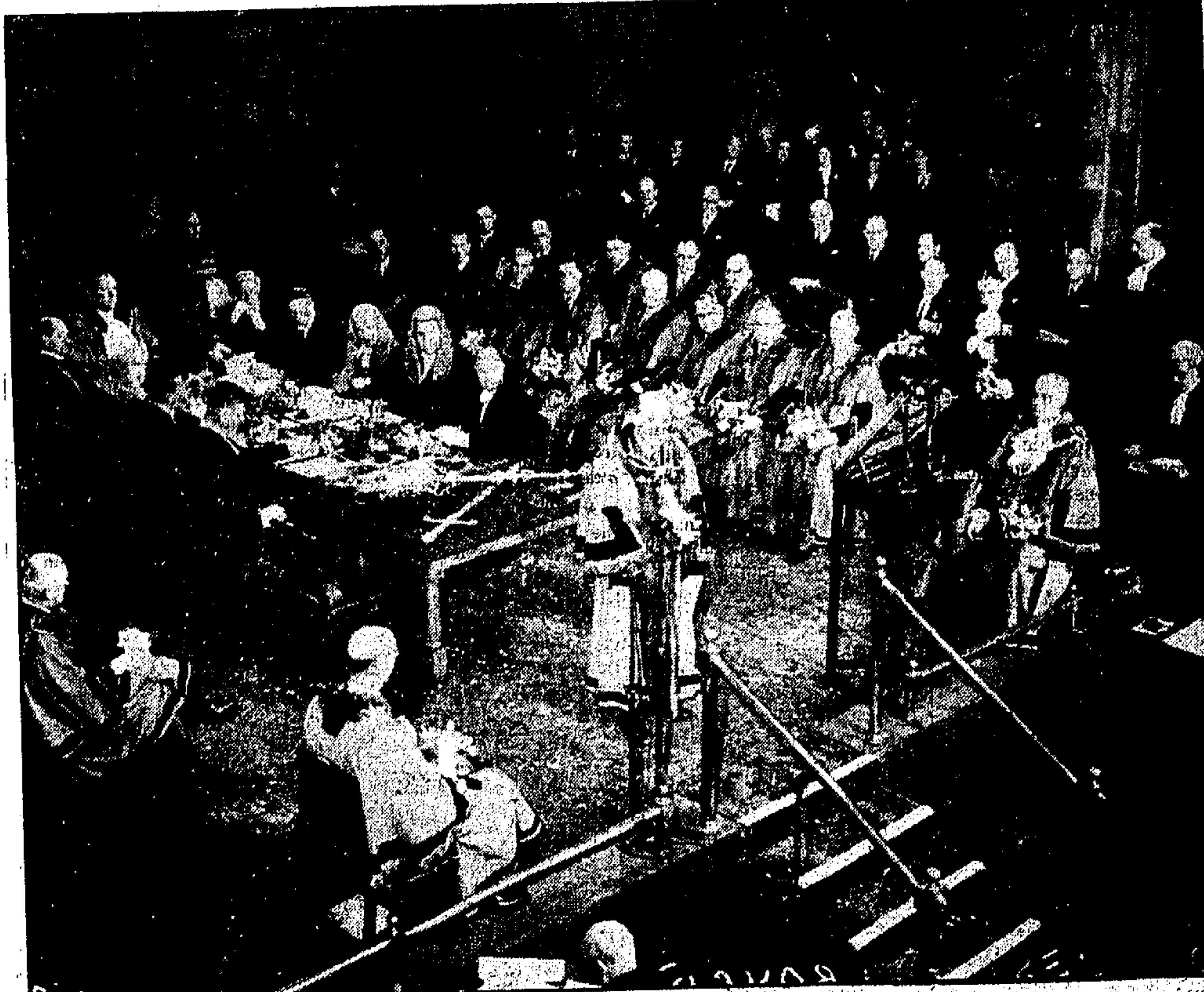


MR Krishna Menon, Indian High Commissioner in London, salutes a portrait of Gandhi as Mrs Asha Bhattacharya and Devi Agrawal watch at the Royal Pakistani Air Force reception. (Express Service)

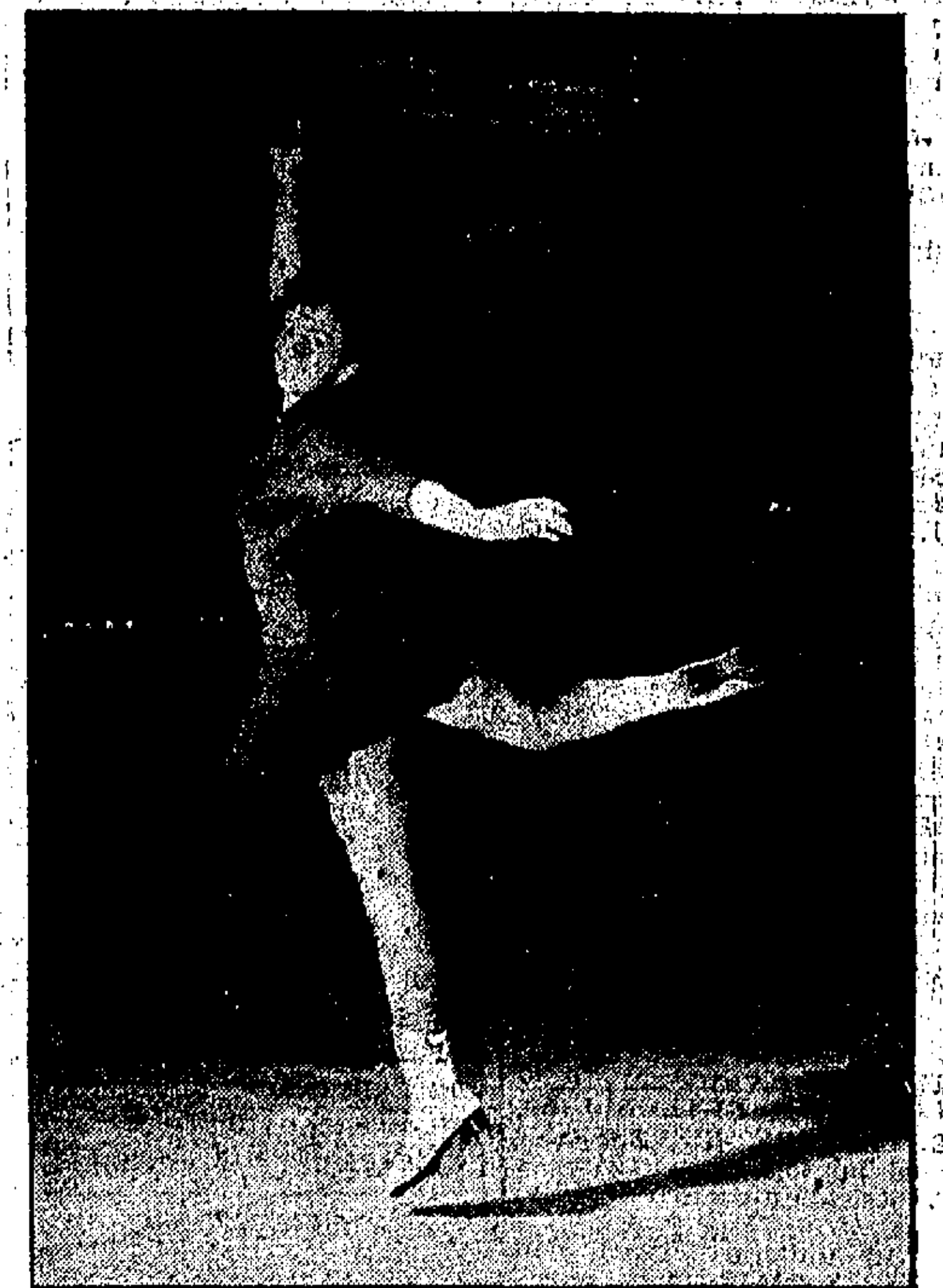


MRS Hsiao Li Lindsay, wife of Mr Michael Lindsay, may be the first Chinese woman to become a peeress. Her husband is heir of the Socialist Lord Lindsay of Birker, former Master of Balliol. They were married in Peiping, where he was a university lecturer. (Express Service)

BELOW: Actor Jose Ferrer wears the big plastic nose which he uses in his part in the London production of "Cyrano de Bergerac." But guests at his hotel do not seem to notice anything unusual. (Express Service)



SIR Leslie Boyce speaking at the Guildhall after his election as London's new Lord Mayor. He is the first Lord Mayor from the Empire — he is an Australian. Sir Leslie, who is 56, is a barrister of the Inner Temple, and was Tory M.P. for Gloucester from 1929 to 1945. He visited Hongkong in 1946 when he headed a Parliamentary Mission to China. (Express Service)



ON the ice for the first time since her recent knee injury, Jeanette Altwegg, of Liverpool, the titleholder, pirouettes gracefully as ever during practice for the World and European Figure Skating Championships at Streatham Ice Rink. (Reuterphoto)

BELOW: This engine fell into the backyard of Mrs B. Lemon of Battersea. She heard a crash, looked up and saw the engine in a pile of rubble that had been her yard. Her complaint: "It wrecked my strawberry bed." (Express Service)



THIS Tory leader, Mr Winston Churchill, has a gentle pat for the young lady during a tour of his constituency, Woodford Green. In 1950 he was returned to the House with a majority of 18,492. (Associated Press)



WHAT'S GOING ON

Sir Stafford returns to the romantic village

BEFORE SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS flew back to Britain after a year in Switzerland to cure his spinal complaint, he made a sentimental journey.

He visited an hotel in the small Alpine village of Klosters, where 40 years ago he became engaged to Miss. Lady Swinburn, now **LADY CRIPPS**.

Since then he has not been back to the village. To friends he explained: "I did not want to return home with a recapturing memories of my youth."

Still on a strict diet, Sir Stafford ate only special vegetarian food prescribed by his woman doctor, 38-year-old **DAGMAR LIECHTI**, who accompanied him to Klosters.

VOTE FOR FATHER

THOUGH MR CHURCHILL'S actress daughter, **SARAH**, says "I don't mix in politics," she will interrupt a rehearsal for a New York television show to fly to Britain and vote.

With her photographer husband, **ANTHONY BEAUCHAMP**, the intended, she says, to stay long enough to see her father win.

HONOURS EVEN

TWO of the grandest of **LORD** and **LADY MOUNTBATTEN** have been before the public one in the Sunday Dispatch, the other in the magazine Woman.

In the Dispatch, it was a case of **Lord and Lady Mountbatten** in **Woman** it is **Her Ladyship** only.

BUT the Lord is catching up. The Mountbattens will be even. And here is the reason why.

Lord Mountbatten's former press officer, **ALAN CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON**, is about to take the ring. He is producing a book about **His Lordship**. It will be out shortly.

It is said **Her Ladyship** also gets a mention in this book.

BEAU GENERAL

DURING his two-day visit to London **GENERAL JEAN LE LAITRE LE TASSIGNY** lived up to his reputation as France's best-dressed military man.

With uniforms tailored in Paris's Savile Row, he wears pigskin gloves costing £15.

FILET MIGNON WINS

JUST who will be invited to the three small official receptions for **PRINCESS ELIZABETH** and the **DUKE OF EDINBURGH** when they visit Washington is causing speculation among the capital's social set.

But the unlucky ones will have a consolation: the party in the ballroom of the British Embassy will be televised.

At **PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S** Blair House there will be only 16 or 18 guests.

Twenty people at the Canadian Embassy party will eat cold lobster and Filet Mignon, cut in small pieces. Says the Ambassador's wife: "We pondered roast beef as a tribute, but Filet Mignon won."

QUIET, PLEASE

DESPITE many £1-a-minute telephone calls **DENIS COMPTON** has flown to Johannesburg knowing little about the arrangements for his marriage in Durban to **MISS VALERIE PLATT**.

But it will be "the quietest of quiet affairs." He expects South African cricket captain **BUDLEY NOURSE** to be there.

Compton will come back by sea in November. His bride dislikes flying. They will live near Grosvenor-square.

IN SPLENDOR CLAD

LONDON'S Lord Mayor elect **SIR LESLIE BOYCE** went to the House last week to be presented to the Lord Chancellor, **LORD JOWITT**.

In the Prince's Room they ripped hot spiced wine from two loving cups wreathed in white heather.

For his year of office **Sir Leslie** has a scarlet robe trim-

med with sable, now costing about £500, another in violet trimmed with bear skin, and a third in gold.

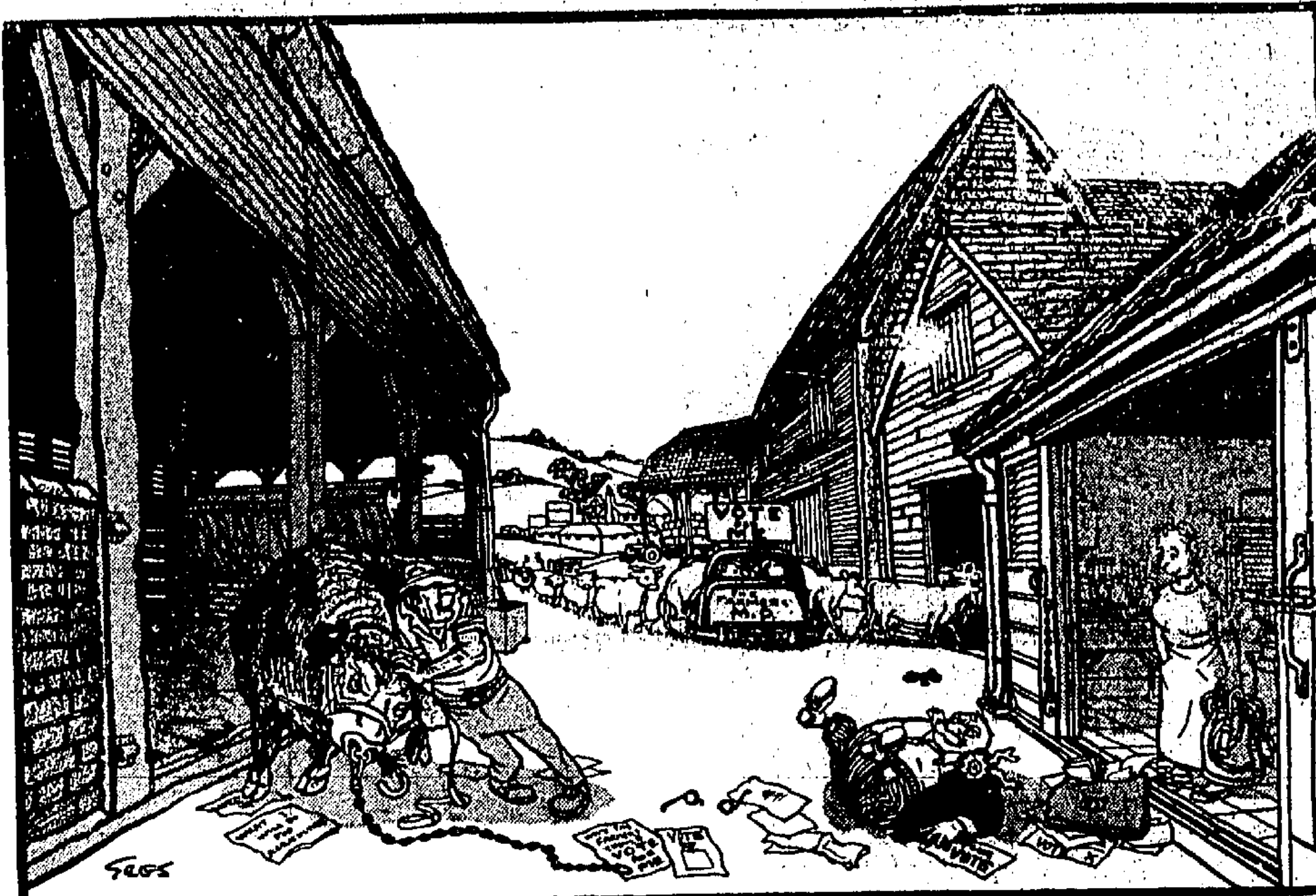
His hobby is gardening. At his Chelsea home he has strawberries for tea in October. They are a French all-the-year-round variety.

JEBB ON SPAGHETTI

WHEN UNO adjourned for the summer, Britain's delegate, **SIR GLADWYN JEBB**, let his New York mansion and come home.

Now, with the Persian crisis, he has returned. So he is living as a guest in his own house. Frequent pastime is discussing with his Italian chef the hundred ways of cooking paghetti.

Ephraim Hardcastle



"Stroking my bull and calling him 'a dear old horse' don't give me a lot of confidence in your knowledge of agriculture." London Express Service

Could North Africa Become Abadan No. 2?

By SEFTON DELMER

AMONG the thousands of public speakers now buzzing around the United States from luncheon table to luncheon table is the big American lecture season gets into full swing once more, there is one whom I think we should all watch with care.

His name is **Habib Bourguiba**. He comes from Tunis, in French North Africa. He is the leader, and apostle-in-chief of the anti-French Tunisian independence party "Destour."

His mission in America is:

1 TO SPLIT the vital Franco-American alliance in North Africa, key area of Atlantic defence, by denigrating the French administration in American eyes;

2 TO APPEAL for American help in ridding North Africa of the French in order to set up an independent United States of North Africa. These States, he says, would be anti-Communist and friendly to the West.

ATTRACTIVE

It is a brilliantly conceived and impressive line, and fiery little 48-year-old French-educated Bourguiba is just the man to put it over.

Already he has addressed the annual convention of the American Federation of Labour at San Francisco.

M. Farhat Hached, secretary-General of the big Tunisian General Union of Workers, who accompanied him, even put up a resolution that the United States Government should make France grant to North Africa a Philippines-like independence.

Grand stuff this, particularly because of its anti-

Communist fervour. And the fact that the Tunisian union only a year ago ceased being a member of the Communist World Federation of Trade Unions will only make the Tunisian more attractive still — as converts.

But I very much hope that **Habib Bourguiba** will not succeed in misleading any important section of the American public or the American Government into bringing pressure on the French to appease the Moslem Nationalists.

UP-TO-DATE

For if he does, the Western World will be landed in the same kind of trouble in Morocco and the Western Mediterranean as appeasement of the Jesters and rosters in Persia has brought us in the Middle East.

Motoring through North Africa, I could not help thinking of Abadan—built out of the Persian desert by British capital, British oil, and British ingenuity.



BOURGUIBA

For before the French came, this country I was now seeing had been as barren, as uncared for, and bare as most of Persia is today.

But now I was driving through mile after mile of admirably cultivated fields, through orange and olive groves, rich vineyards and—most impressive of all to anyone who has travelled much in Arab lands—acres and acres of freshly planted forest land.

Berber peasants in enormous straw hats sat on tractors ploughing and disking the land as well as any champion Suffolk ploughman.

No sign here of those man-drawn bits of stick with which I used to watch the pitiable Persians trying to scratch a living from their soil.

Near the bustling, prosperous villages were modern mills, canning factories, cork works (many of the forest consist of cork trees), wine and oil presses of the most up-to-date design.

Now if **Habib Bourguiba** and the other Nationalist leaders have their way the 2,000,000 French now in North Africa will

be driven from this country which their energy and skill has so transformed.

Their proper lies will be looted and ruined, just as British property is being looted and ruined in Persia today.

CONTRADICTIONS

For as I discovered in long talks with their leaders the Nationalists:

ONE: Insist that the French administration which has brought peace, law, and order to this area shall depart and be replaced by a Moslem administration. (They frankly admit this Moslem administration would have nothing near the technical capacity of the French.)

TWO: Adamantly oppose the right of any of the French colonies who may remain in the country to have voting, administrative, or judicial rights in the independent Moslem State.

Now I am far from upholding the French in North Africa as a group of selfless angels.

Their policy involves contradictions which are bound to expose them to the criticism of the ever-larger number of Americans now being sent to the new bases in Morocco.

Ostensibly for instance, the French are dedicated to educating Morocco to self-government and eventual autonomy.

In practice, however, they seem to be going all out to Frenchify the country—or as the Moslems say, Christianise it.

RELIABILITY

Even the lowest grades of the civil service are filled with Frenchmen. The postman who brought me my letters in Rabat was from Brittany. The policeman who told me the way to the bus station was a Savoyard.

"It is for the sake of reliability," say the French, and quickly add: "You can't trust a Moroccan postman to deliver a letter on time."

The European community is carefully separated from the Moslems.

In all the towns I visited there was a Moslem quarter—usually the old Moorish town surrounded

by high walls—and a European quarter. If there is trouble the Moroccans can be quickly driven into their city and shut up there.

Strongly Nationalist districts like Fez, by tradition the political and religious capital of Morocco, are being deliberately allowed to decline by a policy of economic neglect.

But reforms must come from the French themselves. They must not come under pressure from outside, however well meaning.

Any sign of division between the French and the other Western Powers in North Africa, any concession to the Nationalists is interpreted by the Moslem resistance groups as a sign that victory is at hand. They set to their demands, increase the pressure, and organise that very disorder which the appeasers had hoped to avoid.

WEAKNESS

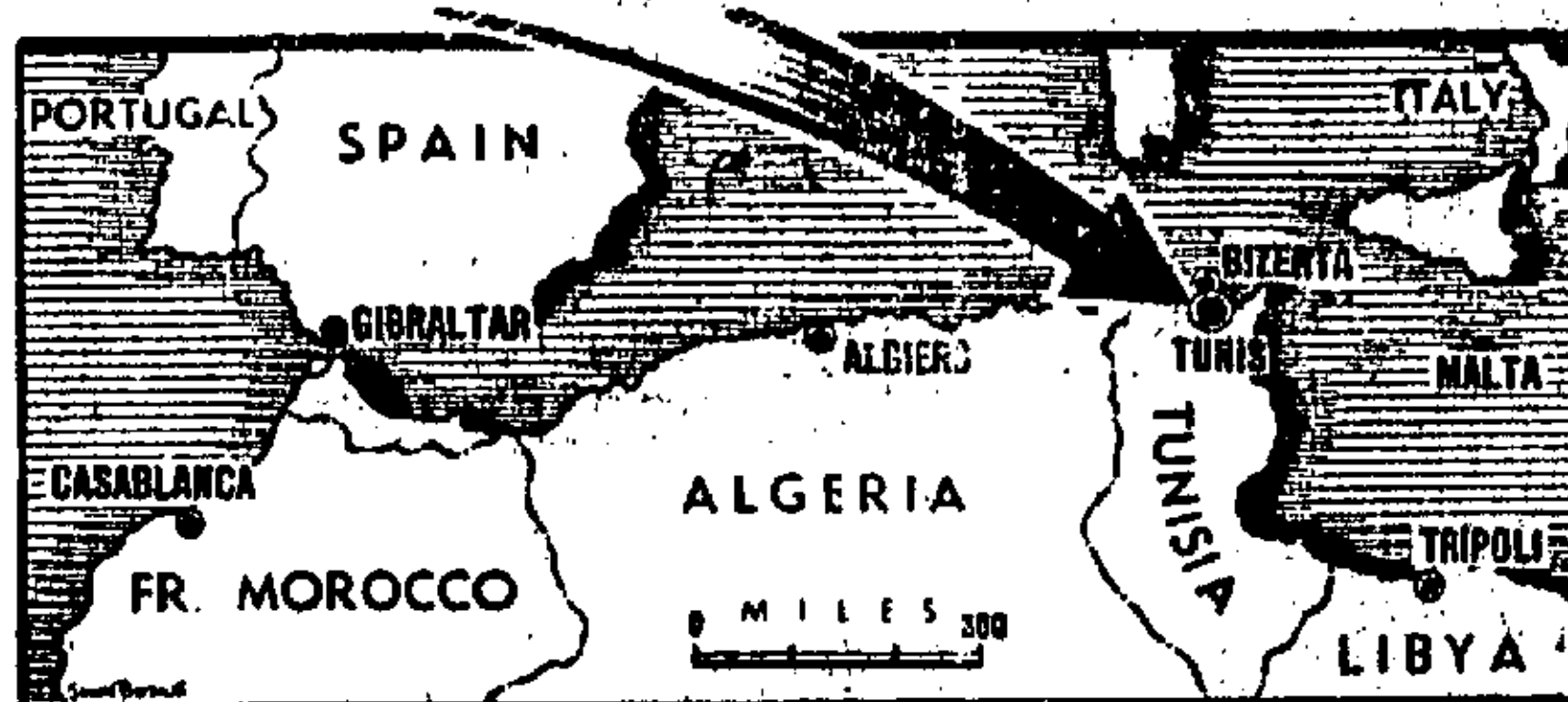
It is no coincidence that the greatest danger to the stability of the French—and with it, the Western position in Africa today—comes from Tunisia.

For here appeasement has gone further than anywhere. Bourguiba's party has been given a seat in the mixed Moslem-French Government. The result is that Moslem officials formerly showing unquestioning obedience to the French are now playing li with the resistance movement—the Government of tomorrow as they believe. Even the Bey, titular ruler of Tunis, can no longer be relied on to do as he is told.

When I asked **M. Perillier**, the French Resident-General, why he still kept the country officially under a state of siege his answer was frankness itself.

"We can certainly get the Bey to revoke the siege order," he said. "But we cannot be sure we can get him to sign a new one if need arises. So we prefer to keep the state of siege in being so that we can apply it if need be."

This Tunisian weakness will become particularly dangerous next year. For on January 1 an independent Moslem Government will take over in neighbouring Libya. Despite the



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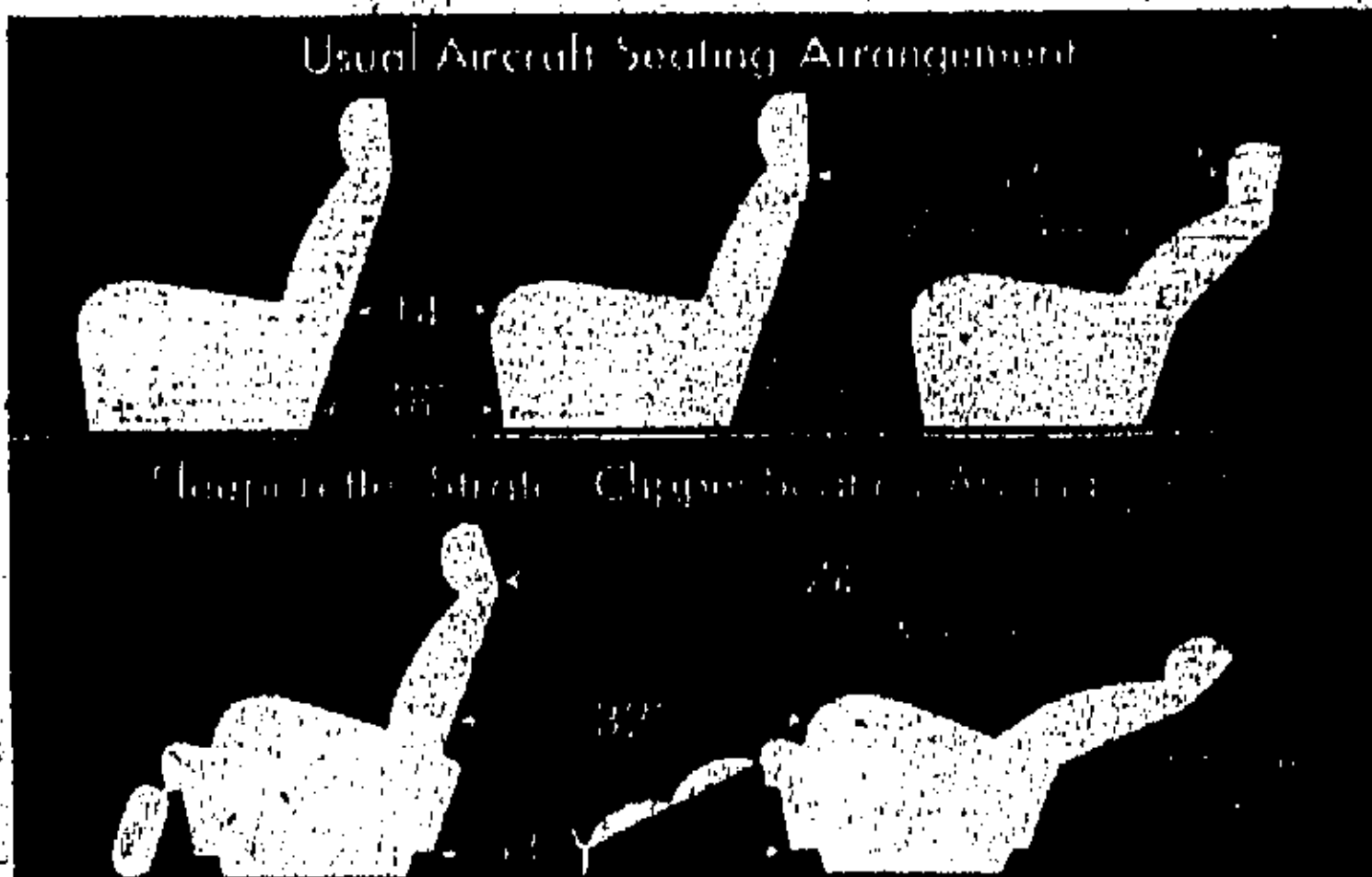
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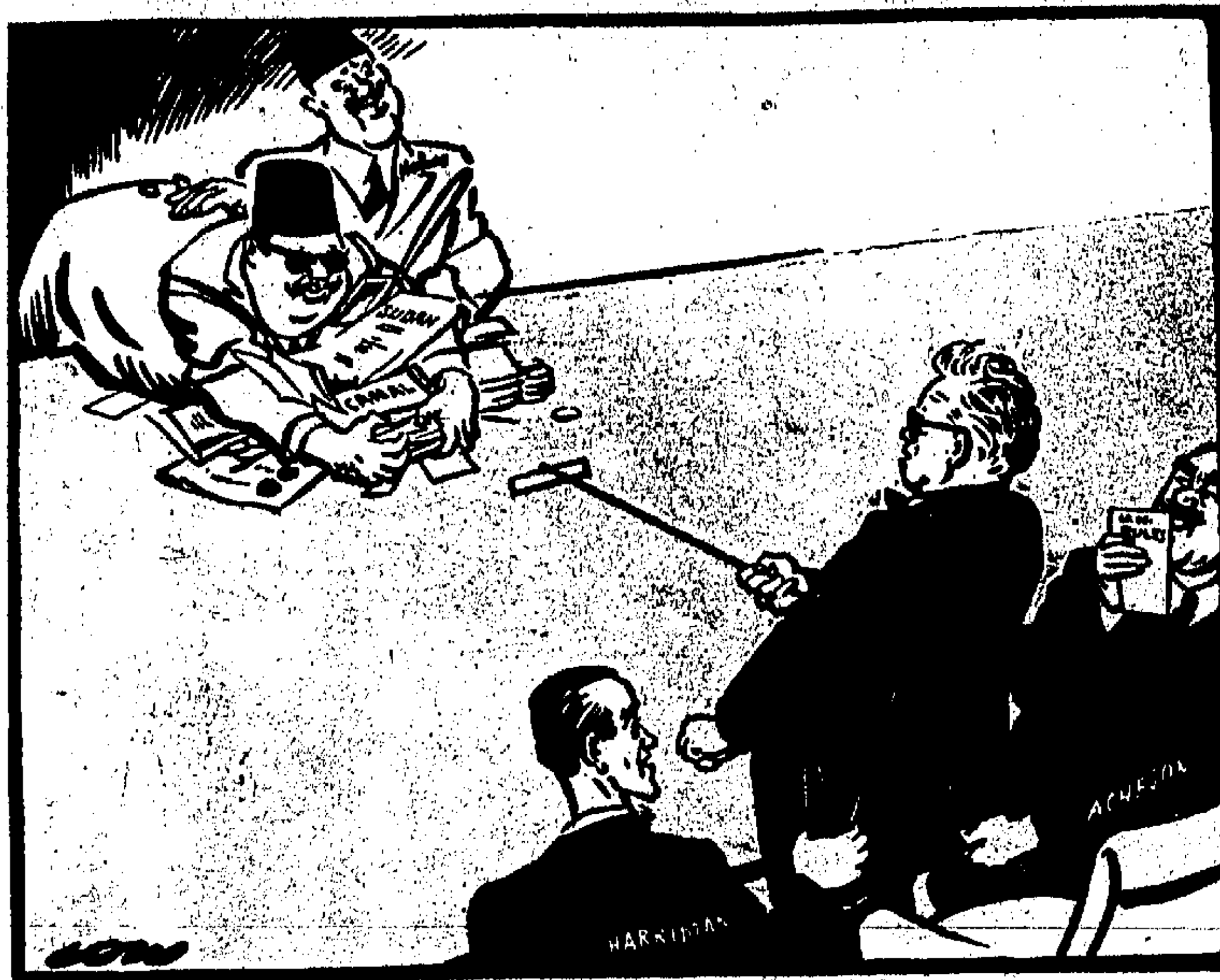
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MEN OF TWO WORLDS ANSWER CHALLENGE

By James Leasor

WHAT makes a rich, successful man, on the edge of achieving ambitions for which he has worked for years, suddenly let up, eschew the ease he has earned, and become a \$4-a-week curate? Every day, up and down England, more and more men — doctors, engineers, civil servants among them — are doing just this. The Church welcomes them, for their years of experience make them men of two worlds instead of men of one.

Such a man is Sir Reginald Stuart Champion, who this year resigned from being Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Aden. This greying man of 58 has exchanged the glory of great occasions and all the panoply of state for a small furnished flat opposite Lincoln Theological College.

He has given up Government House, and a host of liveried servants, to help his wife with housework and spend one week a term waiting at table on his fellow-students and carrying coals for the college boiler. And he rejoices at the chance and the prospects before him.

He says: "Three years ago, if anyone had told me I'd be going into the Church, you could have downed me with that proverbial feather. Then the retiring age for Governors was lowered to 55. I was faced with farming in the country here, or sitting on the boards of companies. I didn't want to do either."

Word Was Law

SO the ex-governor, the man who spoke for the King, whose parish was 130,000 square miles, and whose word was law, becomes this Christmas a curate at All Saints, Maidstone.

Surely this change calls for a good deal of adjustment? "Far less than I thought," said Sir Reginald. "I am a man of simple tastes, and I'm not old in my outlook."

(Nor in his health, for a silver cup he won at mixed tennis doubles with a partner 30 years his junior stands near by.)

"At first it was rather like going back to school, but everyone was helpful."

The freight gleams on the silver cigarette box an Arab regiment gave him, on the rich silver scabbards of two Arab swords that remain from the old great days, and the governor turned cleric goes back to read

ing Fostick's "The Meaning of Prayer." That is what impressed Colonel Geoffrey Fennell when he was a Japanese prisoner of war on Formosa. "We prayed harder than usual then, and we were comforted. When everything was against us and all seemed lost, we somehow knew we were not alone. I never forgot this feeling, and when I came home I resolved to become a parish priest, to try to explain it to others."

Fennell had a lifetime of professional soldiering behind him, a generation of guns and parades and ceremonial. Now, instead of Kings Regs and the Manual of Military Law on his desk he has "Cruden's Concordance" and "The Parish Priest at Work."

Colonel Fennell is still studying to take Holy Orders. He hopes to be ordained a deacon by Christmas, will join a parish near Margate.

"Difficulties? Very few," he says. "I've seen my new vicar and made it clear I'll forget I ever was a colonel. I'll be a boy again, a new boy..."

The Teacher

ANOTHER man of experience in the East is the Rev. Joseph Lee, who was ordained at the age of 50 after 30 years as a schoolmaster in Singapore. Now, a kindly greying man, he is vicar of Lady Bay Church, at West Bridgeford, Nottingham.

We talked in his front sitting-room after he came in from a round of parish visits. He gets round his parish on an old cycle, was still wearing trouser clips.

His comment on his new life: "People come to me with problems they might not care to bring to a youngster just out of college. I take things as they come, and they know that."

"Too old? My dear fellow, the first lesson you must learn is that no one is ever too old — if his heart is young."

That is also the comment of Walter E. Rayner, a ginger-haired, one-time civil servant, now a sprightly 61, and studying with the Rev. Dr. A. R. Vidler, a canon of Windsor.

Shortly after the war Rayner bought a small farm in Bedfordshire, but had to give it up owing to labour difficulties. Yet his excursion into the country life was not wasted.

"The village vicar fell ill, and I tried to help him out as best I could, and eventually did most things except conduct

marriage and funeral services. Then I had the idea I might be of some use to the Church and offered my services to the Bishop of Ely. I was in 'Cambridge' then. He agreed and here I am."

Here they are, then, all of them. Four men, one faith. Four men of means and substance, four men of experience, with minds mellowed and matured by the fullness of their lives. The Church, naturally enough, welcomes them, and for that reason.

"They do not feel isolated or isolated when they put on clerical collars," explained a fellow-parson.

Token Salary

WITH their pensions or private means they are willing to go to parishes too poor to support a priest who has no money of his own. One man accepts only £1 a quarter as token salary.

There are dozens like these four: an architect, now a vicar in Somerset; a doctor, now a parson in Devon; a chartered accountant preaching in the North; an engineer, now a priest in Surrey.

They are brave men, men who have answered the challenge of Christianity, men with faith like fire, eager and ready to help beat back the tides of apathy and cynicism.

Sir Reginald speaks for them all. "To be a Christian evangelist is surely the most useful and hopeful thing a man can do."



London Express Service.

JOHNNY HAZARD



AMERICAN COLUMN

SPORT on the SPOT

By R. M. MacColl
NEW YORK.

FOR months there has been a growing storm of complaint over the way some sports events are kept from radio and TV broadcasts.

Restrictions on the Turpin-Robinson fight, which could be seen only by paying admission to cinemas in certain towns, particularly angered people.

Suddenly the Government cracks down. Assistant Attorney-General Graham Morrison has begun a suit against the National Football League in an all-important test case under the anti-monopoly law.

If the Government brings it off — it says the N.F.L. is "an especially bad offender with the greatest restrictions of any major sports body" — there is no doubt that it will go after the rest.

Land cheers from the fan in the street.

IN PLYMOUTH, OHIO, they have had to keep their lights on night and day for a fortnight. The whole town is filled with smoke from an underground fire in what we call peat bogs, and the Americans call "muck-lands." The firemen just cannot find out where the fire is.

ONE OF THOSE slightly out-of-this-world Congressional investigations is in full swing down in Washington. This time they are busy looking into a maze of alleged irregularities among income tax collectors.

Fascinated M.P.s have been hearing an extraordinary story from a genial, loquacious Irishman named James Finnegan, who recently resigned his job as chief of Internal Revenue at St. Louis, Missouri.

Finnegan gaily admitted that he was a couple of years in arrears on his own income tax payments.

Practically nobody at the hearing could keep a straight face when Finnegan said he thinks that between two and four hours constitutes "a really tough working day."

HOW'S THIS for a success story? In 1946 a 19-year-old youth married his high school sweetheart, borrowed \$5,000 dollars and started to farm 320 acres of land in the bleak, largely barren hills of north-west Oklahoma. The land was choked with weeds. The barn was derelict. The farmhouse itself had been used as a granary.

Today the undaunted young couple—the bride drives the tractor and lorry—have a farm valued at \$45,000 dollars including a new barn and a remodelled house. In Kansas City the young man has been elected "1951 star farmer of America"—and a 1,000 dollar prize goes with that. His name? Harold Hodgson.

STANLEY NOVAK has already been arrested 18 times for drunkenness. When they threw him into the hoosegow for the 19th time, he was fed up.

So he inserted an advertisement in the local paper: "Notice—I am in the country goal for being drunk. If any one will pay my fine of 40 dollars, I promise to work it out to their entire satisfaction."

So far no takers. Name of the town? Bad Axe, Michigan.

PAUL THURMOND, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was to die, following the death of a local sheriff in a fight.

Fielding Wright, the State Governor, decided to conduct a public hearing of Thurmond's plea for mercy. And in the middle of the hearing, the Governor asked the public to give a show of hands to determine whether the sentence should be commuted to life imprisonment.

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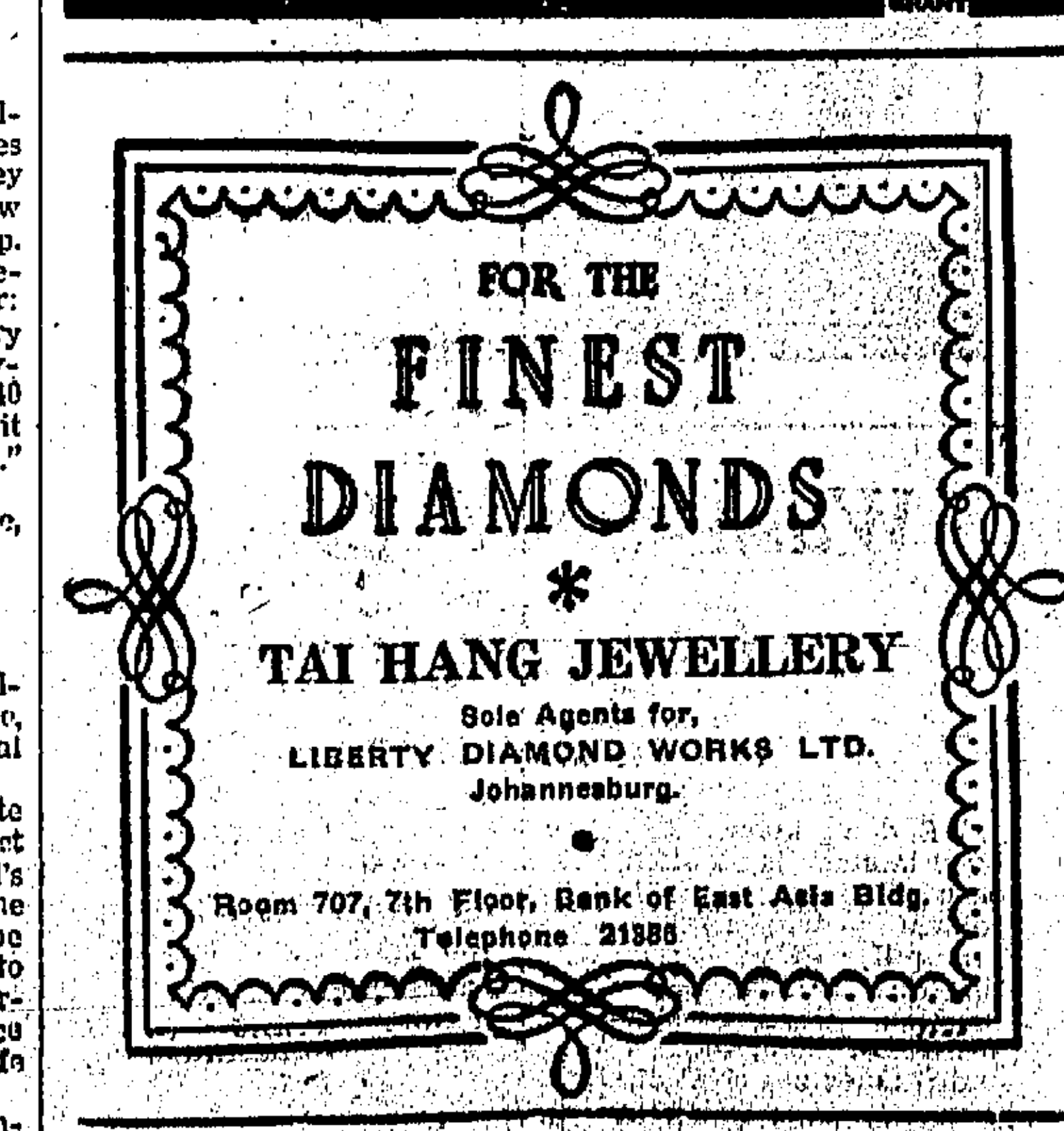
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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

Isn't it curious—says Anne Edwards

HOW THE WOMAN YOU WANT TO LOOK LIKE IS SO OFTEN AROUND THE AGE OF 35 . . .

A GIRL with that flawless kind of elegance that takes a woman's breath away slid into London recently and made everyone else seem a little shabbier.

JACKIE CRAVEN is an English girl who looks everything a Frenchman imagines a well-bred Englishwoman to be and who models some of the costliest and loveliest clothes in Paris—a girl who has bridged the gap that separates "model girl glamour" from fabulous elegance, a girl who can help to explain why it is that the kind of woman other women admire is so often 35.

"I've done all the model jobs," she said. "When I was 18 I was the open-air girl always standing on a breakwater with silken strands of hair blowing across my eyes."

"Then I modelled 14s. 11d. hats. (Look straight into the camera, please, and smile with the eyes.)"

"In New York I was a model for Before and After Slimming Courses. (I had to fatten up on ice cream sodas for three days to get the Before part of the job.)"

"And I've modelled more knitted jumpers than I can remember. (Shoulders back and take a deep breath.)"

"In Paris I worked for Jacques Fath and learned that the kind of perfection they expect from a star mannequin is a technique."

1 Art of the technique is: To be so much simpler about clothes. "I wear much less jewellery—two button-size pearl earrings, no clips or

necklaces. And after two weeks watching what the other girls wore—I pulled off the roses and bows from my dresses."

2 To reverse the British ideas of make-up.

INSTEAD of a lot on the lips and none on the eyes, wear a lot on the eyes (thick black line of kohl along the lashes) and very much less lipstick.

INSTEAD of wearing a rosy make-up because you are pale, use a chamois-coloured foundation and look paler.

3 To play up to the clothes you are wearing.

"Most people think the same face will do whatever you're wearing. But you can't get away with those fabulous glittering evening gowns unless you put on a make-up to match."

IN Paris now that means the doe eye look, small mouth and a dark line round the edge of the lips (eyebrow pencil) under the lipstick.

4 To walk to fit to the dress.

"If you have a 'feel' for fashion," says Jackie, "the dress itself decides how you should walk in it."

It's a technique that—more than face or figure or fashionable clothes—needs time to acquire and courage to carry off. And it's a girl starts learning from about 35 years—and that's only if she's a quick learner.



JACKIE CRAVEN—the girl who illustrates the headline. London Express Service

FROM HEAD TO FOOT

By Dorethy Barkley

LONDON.

This season, we are going Spanish in our hairstyles, and wearing mantillas and picadors' caps. The new style is called the "Troubadour Trim", and was presented recently in London by Riche; for "atmosphere" in his salon there were colourful Spanish paintings on the walls, music on the guitar, and for every visitor, a rose wired from Spain the same morning.

During the past few years we have been offered successively bubble cuts, coiled cuts, and urchin cuts. Last year the rage for the short cut died down, and there was a race among the fashion-conscious to be first to sport a chignon (in spite of the infinite patience needed in the growing, pinning and wearing).

So, after the chignon, what do hairstylists offer us next in the "Troubadour Trim"? It is long, short or what? It is a mixture of both: long at the sides, short at the back. As you will see from the photograph, the long hair is swept back over the ears, and the short hair at the nape of the neck is combed up in soft curls. This, we feel, is a style which many women will like: it is easy to look after, (we noticed how it stood up to a good combing), and goes well with the little hats and caps of the season.

Recently, Riche showed the same hairstyle in Paris, where he represented British hairstylists at the annual congress of the Syndicat Haute Coiffure Français.

Riche, with a practical turn of mind, gave this advice to women: "If you want longer hair, have it at the side of the head, where you can cope with it." He then demonstrated to his audience how, with a little ingenuity and a few carefully chosen accessories—a gold lace mantilla, perhaps, or a sparkling jewel—to produce a dozen bewitching variations of the "Troubadour Trim" for evening.

The following are some of Riche's suggestions for evening trimmings:

IF YOU ARE YOUNG

He pins a glittering brooch either side of the head, at the back. (See photograph).

IF YOU HAVE JET BLACK HAIR

He places three damask-red roses in the cluster of curls at the back.

IF YOU ARE SOPHISTICATED

He adds a long "switch" of matching hair, which he platts across the top of the head, and pins at the side with a jewelled clasp. (He calls this the "Spanish Mane").

IF YOU LIKE TO BE DARING

He sweeps the long hair at the sides into two "horns" on the top of the head, and encircles them with gold ribbon. This he calls "El Toro."

And finally, if you feel in the gay, colourful mood of the Spanish fiesta, encircle the head with a bright red and gold sash, gypsy-fashion; then find someone who can play a guitar or castanets.

FOOTLIGHT PARADES

After castle-building in Spain about hairstyles, we come back to earth again with details of new shoe fashions.

In the "footlight parades" at the annual "Fashion in Footwear" exhibition, we saw a variety of styles for 1952—everything from zippered, fur-lined, calf-high boots to the daintiest evening sandal.

Interest centred on evening shoes, with silver and gold the most popular choice of colour. We noticed the way many of these were decorated with diamante studs on heels and straps which sparkle and reflect the light. (See photograph).

For day wear, we concluded as the shoes passed across the stage in quick succession, there is nothing smarter than the plain court shoe, with narrow high heel. For next year, there is an asymmetrical trend, with the throat of the shoe curving out to the side, where it is often decorated with a buckle.

Shoes made in materials—worsted, grosgrain, lins—were at last accepted in their own right and not merely as a substitute for leather. To go with this season's velvet suits and dresses, we noticed velvet court shoes in the new water-proof, mark-proof velvet.

On sandals, which appear for day wear in a multitude of colours, there is a "pebble guard" to protect toes from stones.

We saw the new "gondolier" shoe, with its toe curving up like a gondolier's prow. It is made in styles for town, and country, and, by an optical illusion, seems to make small feet bigger and large feet smaller.

SHE'S MOST CHRISTMAS-SHOPPING CONSCIOUS

WOMAN who spends

most of the year thinking

of Christmas is brunette

Eveline Tucker, perfume

buyer for a 1,800-branch

chain of shops. No sooner

is one Christmas over than

she starts buying millions

of presents for the next.

Christmas shopping habits

are very different, she says.

"Most people in all the year

don't start thinking about

the presents and parties until

about a month before

Children dislike practical

presents. They like to play

with their toys."

Miss Tucker owns the world's

largest chain of Christmas

shops in London. Her

shops are in the Strand

and in the City. She

has a staff of 100 people

who work for her all

year round. She says

that the Christmas

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the best time to

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Even Hollywood stars

are following the fashion

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Riche has taken Spain as his theme for the coming season's hairstyles. The basic line has the hair short at the nape of the neck and full at the side of the head. He calls it the "Troubadour Trim."



Evening shoe in silver kid with diamante-studded straps.

Wash-Bowl Laundry Can Be Fun

By ELEANOR ROSS

WE don't know why wash-bowl laundry is so often a slapdash affair, with the laundress content so long as she sees the dirt roll away from dainty lingerie, frothy blouses, and

hankies, gloves and scarves. Wash-bowl laundry can be fun, and it takes but a bit of effort to turn-out an expert job.

The mistake so many of us make is in limiting equipment to a box of soapflakes and letting it go at that. Water-softeners, bluing, bleaches and starches can all be used in a wash-bowl, as well as in tub or machine, and they should be, for an easier, more satisfactory result.

Warm iron is an excellent adjunct to wash-bowl laundry equipment, since this kind of laundry often includes fine fabrics that benefit from the protective moisture of the steam iron. This too is a world of sparkling and smiling.

That's such a mild soap as Ivory. For white cotton, the white soap is not so hot as Ivory. For white cotton, the white soap is not so hot as Ivory.

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ions. Rayons, nylon, silks take lukewarm water, and for woolens, have the water tepid. Wash water and rinse water should be of same temperature. Squeeze suds gently through garment, never rub, twist or pull.

Capacity Limited

Since the water capacity of a wash-bowl is limited, you may have to use more than one suds to get a garment thoroughly clean. For soiled spots, such as those often found on neckbands, use a soft brush and rinse later.

Rinsing is very important. Use at least two rinses, and continue until water is clear. Again, don't twist or pull; work quickly but gently.

Squeeze out water by rolling garments in a Turkish towel, kneading to remove excess water before hanging to dry. Wringing distorts the fabric and only adds wrinkles.

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Fashion Shows In Aid Of S.P.C. New Baby Centre

FOUR thousand youngsters and a new Baby Centre is to be opened in Kowloon's Portland Street; next month is the reply to the question "Why so soon after the Luna Park Ball?" when everyone hears of the two fashion parades which the Women's Auxiliary of the S.P.C. are putting on at the beginning of November.

Two shows are being held this year—one on either side of the harbour. The first is to be in Hongkong's Ritz on November 6, and the following day an identical show will be staged in the Peninsula Hotel.

Seventeen mannequins will parade the best that twelve of the Colony's leading designers have to offer, and each costume will be auctioned at the end of the show.

Mrs. Moalem of "The Baby Shop" is going to dress half a dozen tots. Philippa Coombes will announce the firms taking part in the display as the groups come on to the floor. "Faguette" is showing five English tailored suits and accessories to match. "Haut Couture"—cocktail dresses and dinner gowns, and "Renome" is exclusively showing ball gowns.

SUITS AND FURS

Madame Labon is creating dinner suits, and with them will be worn those famous British furs by Robert Burton of London.

"Mayfair" and "Brook's" of D'Aquila Street are in charge of modern Chinese dress and all that goes with it, while "Ying Tai" will feature their exquisite silks and brocades. Gossard skirts, slacks, twin sets, tennis wear and all sorts of sports clothes are Whiteway Ltd.'s department, and John D. Hutchison is providing the appropriate sports equipment to go with these. Shoes from "Vogue," and Eileen Kershaw is arranging for jewellery to fit the clothes. "Vivienne" will deal with the mannequins' hair and make-up.

An intrinsic part of this sort of show is the wedding group, and one gathers that Louise Kwok will look the epitome of bridal beauty. "Cristophe" is dressing the group.

Beautiful clothes on beautiful girls appeal to the gentlemen more than they will generally admit. Those displaying the finery are Pippa Portillon, Rena Keown, Cherita Esmail, Penelope Weir, Brenda Gomersall, Paddy Denholm, Wendy Terris, Catherine Law, Barbara Greig, Louise Warring, Ann Hennington, Bessie Wong, Lilian Chua, Louise Kwok, Mrs. Frank Von Oven, Mrs. McCaulay and Mrs. T. G. R. Fletcher.



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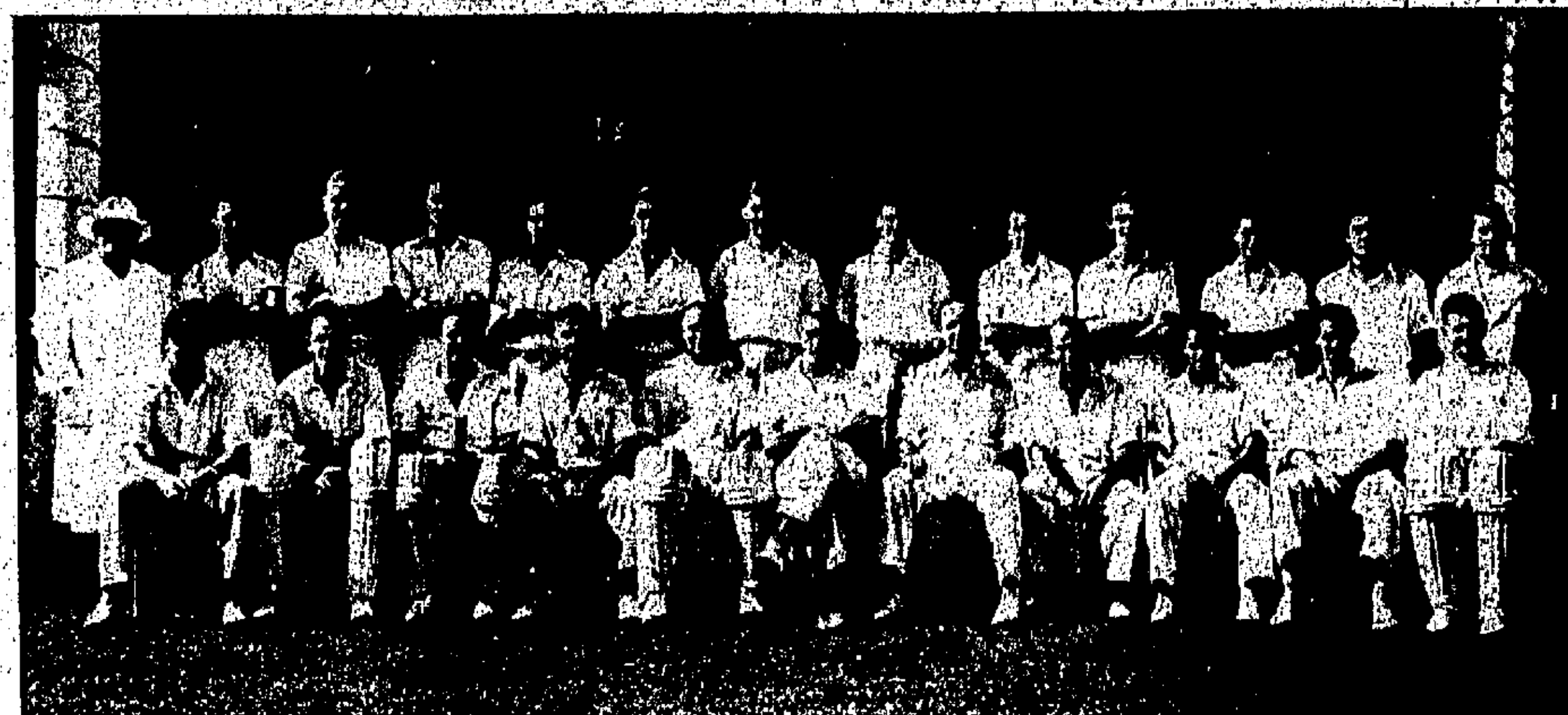
ON Sunday last, 830 people swam in the annual harbour race. The number that took part constituted a record. The above picture shows the start of the race. On the right, Cheung Kin-man, who was first across, and Cynthia Eager, first girl to finish, are seen receiving their prizes from Mr A. de O. Sales, Chairman of the Hongkong Swimming Association. (Staff Photographer)



MRS P. S. Cassidy declaring the Michaelmas Fair open at Murray Parade Ground last Saturday. The Fair was in aid of St John's Cathedral funds. (Staff Photographer)



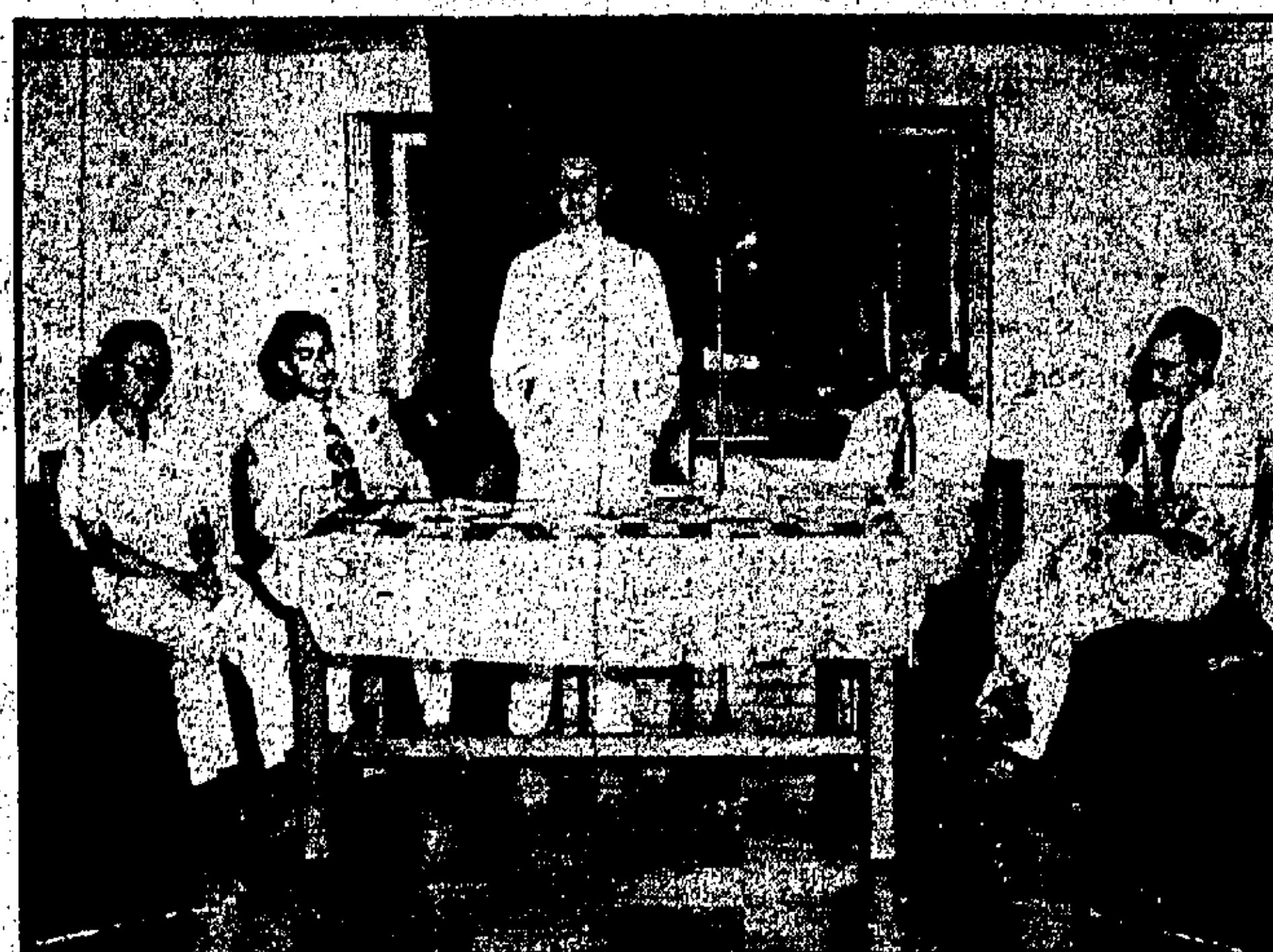
MR Alvaro Cesar Gutierrez and his bride, formerly Miss Sylvia Maria Xavler, snapped at the Rosary Church after their wedding on Tuesday. (Staff Photographer)



IN a three-day cricket match, the Colony beat the Hongkong-Singapore Combined Services by six wickets. The match was played at the Hongkong Cricket Club. Picture shows the teams. (Golden Studio)



AT St Margaret's on Wednesday: Mr and Mrs Frederico Eduardo de Souza leaving the church after their wedding. The bride was Miss Elizabeth Andree Collaco. (Staff Photographer)



MR Edwin Ride (standing) was elected President of the Hongkong University Union at the annual meeting held during the week. (Ming Yuen)

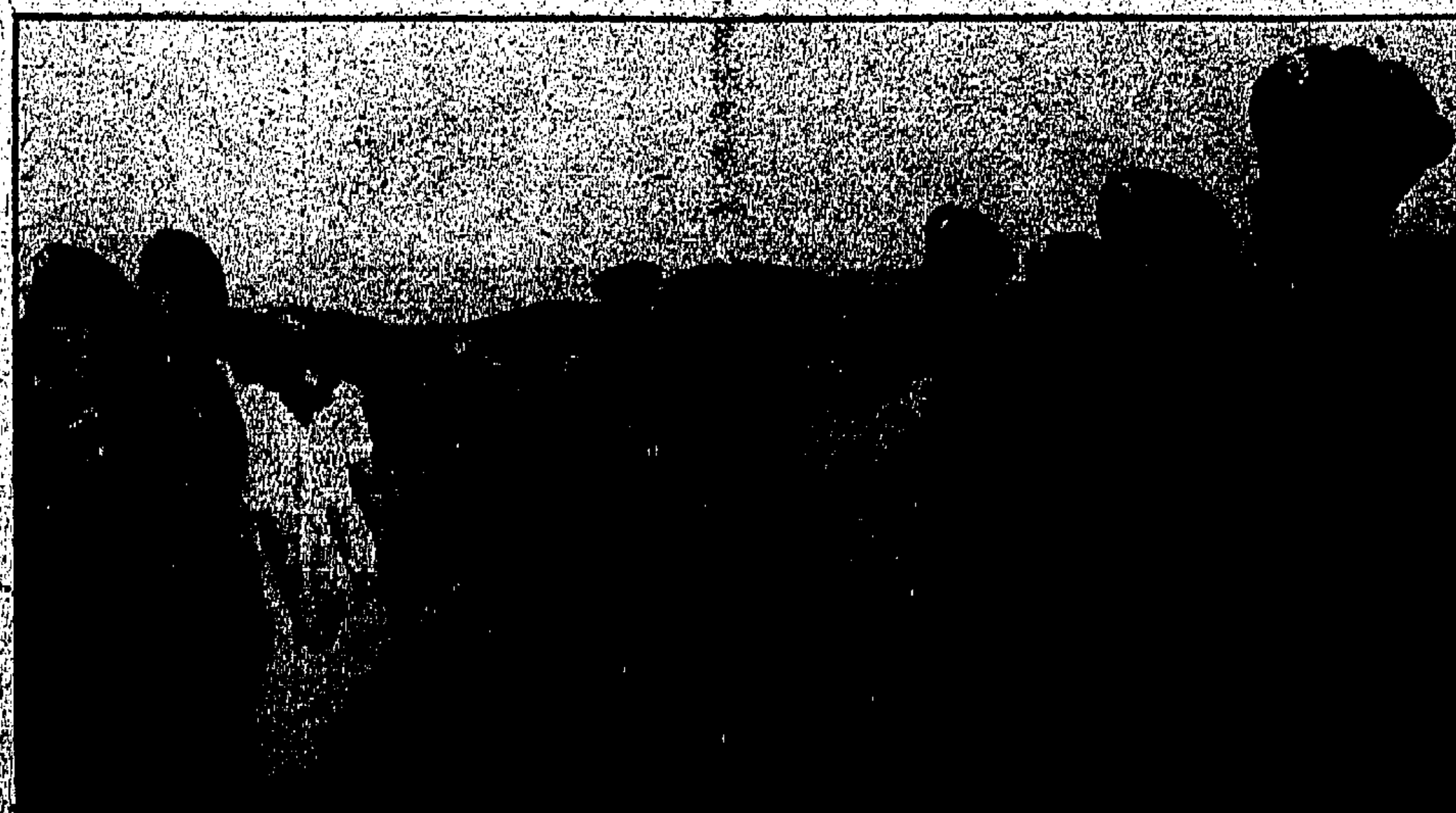


FAMILY group taken on the occasion of the christening of Janis Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Binded, which took place at St Andrew's Church. (Staff Photographer)



MRS H. Owen Hughes presenting prizes at the Ladies Recreation Club on Tuesday evening. (Staff Photographer)

LEFT: Mrs Margarita Ferrer, wife of the Venezuelan Charge D'Affaires in Taiwan, welcomed on her arrival by the President Cleveland by her husband and their godson, little Marito Guillen. (Staff Photographer)



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MR John C. Henwood and Miss Theresa C. Rivero with friends who attended their wedding at St Joseph's Church last Saturday. (Ming Yuen)



HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, accompanied by the Director of Education, the Hon. D. J. S. Crozier, paid a visit of inspection to the St Francis School last week. (Mayland)



MR Ramchand Gulabrai Sadarangani and his bride, formerly Miss Marie Augusta Ribeiro, leaving the Rosary Church after their wedding on Wednesday. (Mainland Studio)

RIGHT: Picture taken at St Margaret's Church after the wedding of Mr Robert Louis Pereira and Miss Lin Chu (Staff Photographer)



MR Manuel Lawrence Lopes and Miss Teresa Cheung, who were married at St Teresa's Church last week, photographed with friends after the ceremony. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Two pictures taken during the Auxiliary Fire Brigade exercise last Sunday. (Staff Photographer)



PHOTOGRAPHED at her fifth birthday party: Sharon Amber (third from left, front row), daughter of Dr and Mrs H. Talbot, and friends who helped her to celebrate. (Roy Tsang)



CHILDREN present at the party given on the second birthday of Christine Elizabeth (in front, right), daughter of Mr and Mrs A. G. Rose. (Ming Yuen)

LEFT: Mr Lo Fuk-keen and Miss Liang Tsun-yea, who were married at the Chinese Baptist Church recently. (Mainland Studio)

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PICTURE taken at the christening of Leslie Bower at the Rosary Church recently. (Mayland)



At the Chinese Training Unit passing-out parade at Victoria on Wednesday, Lieut-General G. C. Evans, Commander, British Forces Hong Kong, presenting a shield to the most outstanding recruit, Chung Wen. (Staff Photographer)

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CONTINUING THE SECOND WORLD WAR MEMOIRS OF BRITAIN'S WARTIME PRIME MINISTER. THIS IS THE TWELFTH CHAPTER OF THE FIFTH BOOK, "CLOSING THE RING"

THE PAINFUL EPISODES OF RHODES AND LEROS

By Winston Churchill

Mr Churchill hoped to use British forces still under the command of Gen. Maitland-Wilson in the Middle East for the capture of the Aegean islands — especially Rhodes and Cos, with their valuable airfields. This aim had been approved by the Quebec conference.

A parachute mission to Rhodes led by Major Lord Jellicoe was unsuccessful in persuading the Italians to resist the 6,000 Germans there. Leros was occupied, but a British battalion landed at Cos was overwhelmed.

The assault shipping required to support more ambitious operations in the Aegean was diverted by the Chiefs of Staff in Washington to other theatres, as arranged at Quebec.

ON Sept. 22 Wilson reported his minimum and modest needs for an attack on Rhodes about Oct. 20. Using the 10th Indian Division and part of an armoured brigade, he required only naval escorts and bombardment forces, three L.S.T.s [landing ships, tanks], a few M.T. [motor transport] ships, a hospital ship, and enough transport aircraft to lift one parachute battalion.

I was greatly troubled at our inability to support the Aegean operations, and on Sept. 25 I cabled to Gen. Eisenhower:

You will have seen the telegrams from the Commander-in-Chief Middle East about Rhodes. Rhodes is the key both to the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean. It will be a great disaster if the Germans are able to consolidate there. The requirements which the Middle East ask for are small.

The small aids needed seemed very little to ask from our American friends in order to gain the prize of Rhodes and thus retain Leros and take Cos. The concessions which they had made to my unceasing pressure during the last three months had been rewarded by astounding success. Surely I was entitled to the very small aid which I required to supplement the British forces which were available for action in the Aegean, or had, with the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, already been sent to dangerous positions.

The landing-craft for a single division, a few days' assistance from the main Allied Air Force, and Rhodes would be ours. The Germans, who had now regrouped the situation, had moved many of their planes to the Aegean to frustrate the very purpose which I had in mind.

Fighting in mountains

I LAID the issue before the President in its full scope. Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt, 7 Oct. '43.

I am much concerned about the situation developing in the Eastern Mediterranean. Cos has already fallen except for some of our troops fighting in the mountains. Leros may well share its fate. Our enterprises against Rhodes have not yet succeeded.

I believe it will be found that the Italian and Balkan peninsulas are militarily and politically united, and that really it is one theatre with which we have to deal. It may indeed not be possible to conduct a successful Italian campaign ignoring what happens in the Aegean. The Germans evidently attach the utmost importance to this Eastern sphere, and have not hesitated to divert a large part of their strained air force to maintain themselves there.

They have to apprehend desertion by Hungary and Rumania and a violent schism in Bulgaria. At any moment Turkey may lean her weight against them. We can all see how adverse to the enemy are the conditions in Greece and Yugoslavia.

I have never wished to send an army into the Balkans, but only by agents, supplies and commandos to stimulate the intense guerilla activity prevailing there. This may yield results measureless in their consequence at very small cost to main operations.

What I ask for is the capture of Rhodes and the other islands of the Dodecanese. The movement northward of our Middle Eastern Air Forces and their establishment in these islands and possibly on the Turkish shore, which last might well be obtained, thus forcing a diversion on the enemy far greater than that required of us. It would also offer the opportunity of engaging the enemy's waning air power and wearing it down in a new region. This air power is all one, and the more continually it can be fought the better.

Rhodes is the key to all this. I do not feel the present plan of taking it is good enough. It will require and is worth at least up to a first-class division, which can of course be replaced by static troops once the place is ours. Even if landing craft and assault ships on the scale of a division were withheld from the build-up of "Overlord" for a few weeks without altering the zero date, it would be worth while. I feel we may easily "throw away" an immense but fleeting opportunity.

The President's telegram

I WAS pained to receive from the President a telegram which practically amounted to the refusal of all help and left me, already committed with his and the American Chiefs of Staff's approval, to face the impending blow. The negative forces which hitherto had been so narrowly overcome had indeed resumed their control.

President Roosevelt to the Prime Minister, 8 Oct. '43.

I do not want to force on Eisenhower diversions which limit the prospects for the early successful development of the Italian operations to a secure line north of Rome.

It is my opinion that no diversion of forces or equipment should prejudice "Overlord" as planned. The American Chiefs of Staff agree.

I noticed in particular the sentence, "It is my opinion that no

diversion of forces or equipment should prejudice "Overlord" as planned." To pretend that the delay of six weeks in the return of nine landing craft for "Overlord" out of over 500 involved, which would in any case have had six months in hand, would compromise the main operation of May, 1944, was to reject all sense of proportion.

Roosevelt not in sympathy

LOOKING back upon the far-reaching favourable results which had, followed from my journey with Gen. Marshall to Algiers in June, from which the whole of our good fortune had sprung, I thought I might ask for the same procedure, and I make all preparations to fly at once to Tunis.

President Roosevelt to the Prime Minister, 9 Oct. '43.

We have almost all the facts now at our disposal on which to judge the commitments probably involved in the Rhodes operation. As I see it, it is not merely the capture of Rhodes, but it must mean of necessity, and it must be apparent to the Germans, that we intend to go further. Otherwise Rhodes will be under the guns of both Cos and Crete.

I was in accord with obtaining whatever hold we could in the Dodecanese without heavy commitments, but the present picture involves not only a well-organised, determined operation, but a necessary follow-through. This in turn involves the necessity of drawing for the means, largely shipping and air, not ground troops, from some other source, which inevitably must be Italy, "Overlord," or possibly Mountbatten's amphibious operation.

The problem then is, are we to enter into a Balkan campaign, starting with the southern tip, or is there more to be gained, and with security, by pushing rapidly to the agreed upon position north of Rome? It appears to me that a greater Allied threat against the Balkans is implied in this than by a necessarily precarious amphibious operation against Rhodes, with a lack evident to the enemy of the necessary means for the follow-through.

Strategically, if we get the Aegean islands, I ask myself where do we go from there? and, vice-versa, where would the Germans go if for some time they retain possession of the islands? As to the meeting you proposed for Sunday [10th] in Africa, this would be in effect: another meeting of the Combined Chiefs of Staff necessarily involving only a partial representation, and in which I cannot participate. Frankly, I am not in sympathy with this procedure under the circumstances.

Hitler's sudden decision

MR Roosevelt's reply quenched my last hopes. All I could now do was to ask that the President's original negative message should not prevent a free discussion of the issue at the conference of Commanders-in-Chief. This was accorded for what it was worth.

At the critical moment of the conference information was received that Hitler had decided to reinforce his army in Italy and fight a main battle south of Rome. This tipped the scales against the

small reinforcement required for the attack on Rhodes. Although I could understand how, in the altered situation, the opinion of the generals engaged in our Italian campaign had been affected, I remained—and remain—in my heart, unconvinced that the capture of Rhodes could not have been fitted in. Nevertheless, with one of the sharpest pangs I suffered in the war, I submitted with the best grace possible.

Nothing was gained by all the over-caution. The capture of Rome proved to be eight months distant. Twenty times the quantity of shipping that would have helped to take Rhodes in a fortnight were employed throughout the autumn and winter to move the Anglo-American heavy bomber bases from Africa to Italy. Rhodes remained a thorn in our side. Turkey, witnessing the extraordinary inertia of the Allies near her shores, became much less forthcoming, and denied us her airfields.

The American Staff had enforced their view; the price had now to be paid by the British.

Gen. Wilson to Prime Minister, 17 Nov. '43.

Leros has fallen, after a very gallant struggle against overwhelming air attack. It was a near thing between success and failure. Very little was needed to turn the scale in our favour and to bring off a triumph. Instead we have suffered a reverse of which the consequences are only too easy to foresee.

Prime Minister to General Wilson, 18 Nov. '43.

Thank you for your messages about Leros. I approve your conduct of the operation there. Like you, I feel this is a serious loss and reverse, and like you I feel I have been fighting with my hands tied behind my back. I hope to have better arrangements made as a result of our next Conference.

Greek Navy's part

WITH the loss of Leros all our hopes in the Aegean were for the time being ended. We tried at once to evacuate the small garrisons in Samos and other islands, and to rescue survivors from Leros. Over a thousand British and Greek troops were brought off, as well as many friendly Italians and German prisoners, but our naval losses were again severe. Six destroyers and two submarines were sunk by aircraft or mine and four cruisers and four destroyers damaged. These trials were shared by the Greek Navy, which played a gallant part throughout.

To Anthony Eden, who had now returned home from Moscow, I telegraphed:

Leros is a bitter blow to me. Should it be raised in Parliament...no attempts should be made to minimise the poignancy of the loss of the Dodecanese, which we had a chance of getting so easily and at so little cost and which we have now lost after heavy expenditure. You should also stress the tremendous effort made by the Germans, their withdrawal of almost half their air forces from Italy, where they were already out-matched, and the assistance given to our troops thereby.

CHIC?

Well, I'd hardly say they're going MAD about British utility, Miss Herbison.

PARIS. LEARNING from Miss Margaret Herbison, Joint Under-Secretary for Scotland, that British utility dresses are "selling like mad" in Paris, I went along to the Printemps store to investigate.

There was no crush. A large sign over the dress department read: "Britain's best collection of woollen dress on show here. Fifteen models all at a price under 10,000 francs (£10). The British woollen dress suits even the most difficult figure."

The manageress of the department told me there was nothing novel in the store showing British woollen dresses: they sold them before the war with success. Of the 1,000 dresses the store imported at the beginning of September, they have so far sold 350. This the manageress described as, "quite satisfactory."

She went on: "Some of the models we find it impossible to sell. French women do not like all these pale blue and pale green shades. And they do not like models which are a combination of town and country clothes."

Summing-up: the dresses are selling like good rock buns not like red-hot cakes.

DELICATE TASK THE French Academy will soon elect a successor to Marshal Petain.

Two favourites are Generals Juin and de Latre de Tassigny. For either, election will pose a delicate problem—making the additional speech of eulogy of his predecessor.

THEY SAID IT QUOTES of the week: German General SPEIDEL (here for talks on a European Army), on whether he should be referred to as General Speidel or ex-General Speidel: "Call me doctor."

Prince ALY KHAN at the Paris Motor Show: "My favourite car is a jeep, but I can't afford it. It uses too much petrol."

DRESS BILL: £9,000

BIGGEST dress order of the year—estimated at £9,000—has been placed by musical-hall star Josephine Baker with Pierre Balmain. It includes all her stage costumes for an eight-week engagement at New York's Roky Theatre.

Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton, "tired of being stared at," asked dress designer Jacques Fath to show his collection to her privately at her Ritz suite. Eight mannequins paraded in Miss Hutton's drawing-room. Present to view it—only Barbara Hutton.

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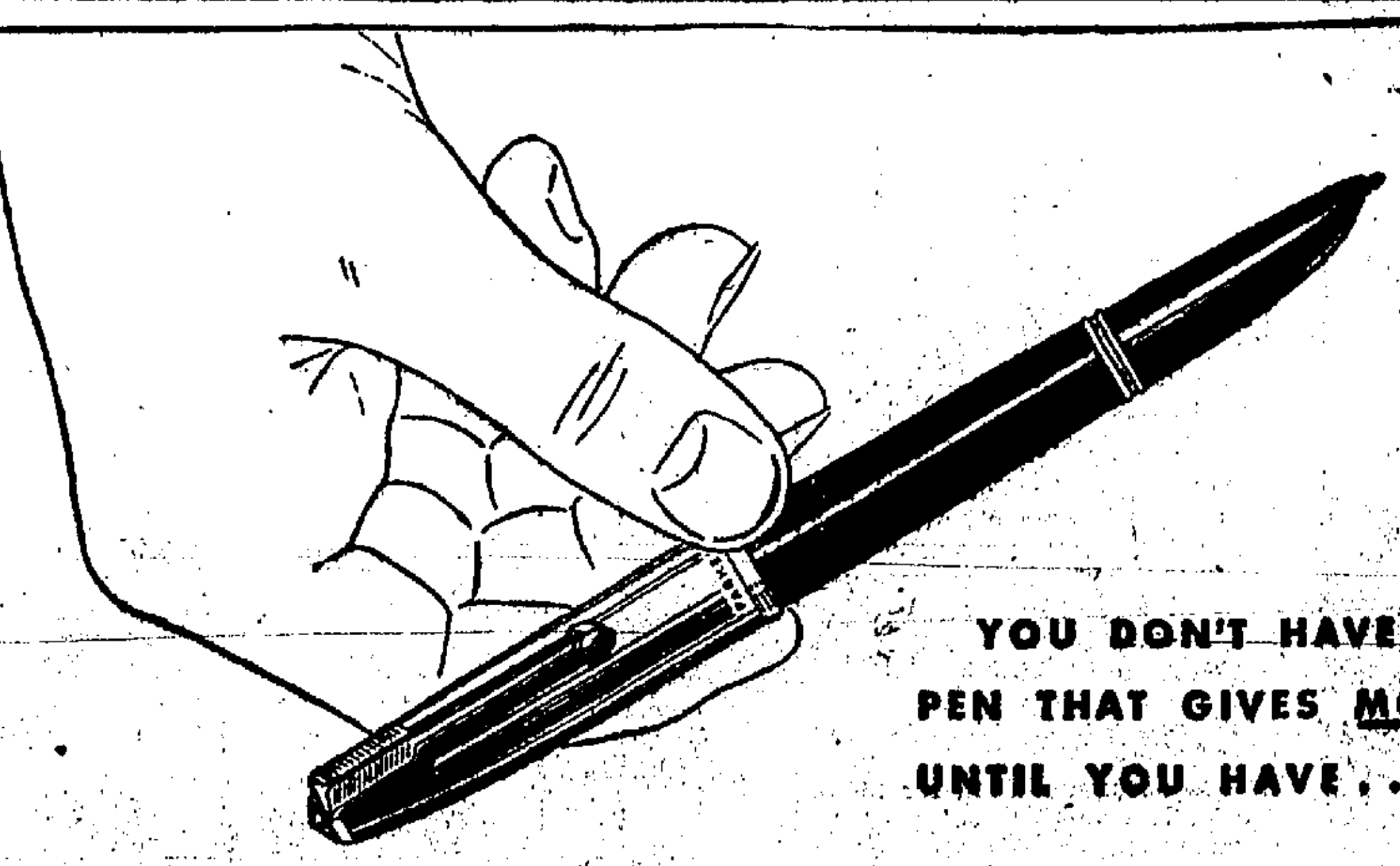
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Mrs. McCracken gives her verdict on Middlesex's 'Little America'

Cigarettes, nylons are on ration

by JAMES STUART

DRIVING into the car park at Ruislip I had to manoeuvre through rows of glittering American sedans and convertibles, the latest streamlined products of Detroit.

This "parking lot" in Victoria Road, beside a big block of low, yellow brick buildings, could have been anywhere between New York and San Francisco. From a tall flagpole the Stars and Stripes was flying.

Here, in suburban Ruislip, is the "Little America" of Middlesex, as transatlantic as was Pieradilly's wartime Rainbow Corner.

This is the headquarters of the United States Third Air Force.

Women and children there

There is one big difference between this "Little America" and those of the war. In and out through the gates pass American women, wives of officers and men, to do their shopping in the camp's stores and take a cup of coffee with their husbands.

And as the children come out of the local schools, American boys and girls romp along the street with the 100 U.S. youngsters.

Between 500 and 600 U.S. Air Force officers and men are employed at General James Johnson's headquarters. The bulk of the officers and the NCOs are married and have their wives and families living with them.

Many live locally in Ruislip. Others have found homes as far out as Beaconsfield and Gerrards Cross; others have a "flat in town."

How do the wives and children get on in England? Mrs. Donna McCracken, wife of Colonel Delmar McCracken, answers the question. She and her husband were having a cup of coffee in the headquarters restaurant. She said: "When I told our two boys that we were going home at the end of this month, they said 'Home! This is home, isn't it?'"

Off to Texas

Said the youthful Colonel McCracken: "The children get on very well with the English youngsters, and I don't think you could detect any difference in their speech. When we were on vacation on the Continent recently people who heard them talking and then heard us would not believe they were our children."

The McCracken children, Gary, aged seven, and Denis, five, have been here for two and a half years. Soon they are going to fly the Atlantic. Colonel McCracken is being moved to an airfield in Texas.

The McCrackens have been renting a house not far from the headquarters. Gary and Denis go to a local private school, and



The Air Force paper goes to press. At work at a Ruislip printing shop are Corporal Mike Lucas (nearest camera) and Pte Lawrence Mills. The paper is published weekly and distributed to all American servicemen in Britain. It is called The Eagle, reports the social and professional activities of members of the Air Force family in Britain.



Home from a Ruislip school... and Gary, seven, and Denis, five, are greeted by their mother, Mrs. Donna McCracken. Gary has an American-type lunch box.



Not U.S.A. but Ruislip, Middlesex. Mrs. Geraldine Hillcott, wife of Master Sgt. R. G. Hillcott, leaves the camp store with an armful of groceries. With her is daughter Susan, three.



Mrs. McCracken lives the life of the middle-class suburban housewife. "I do all my shopping in the local shops," she said. "I supplement it in the PX."

They have not found the cost of living much different from America, paying about £20 a week rent, a little more than they paid for similar accommodation at home.

In the PX stores American airmen and their families can buy almost everything from a cake of soap to a British-made bicycle or refrigerator. Paid for in dollars only.

Some things are rationed—cigarettes, cameras and nylons among them.

"The ration has been worked out with your British Customs people," a USAF spokesman told me. "This is to stop trafficking in them outside, and it has been kept to a minimum."

So Ruislip is not overflowing with American cigarettes. For the Americans are strictly limited to a carton and a half a week—300 cigarettes.

One rigid rule

The Third Air Force HQ has its own billeting officer, whose job it is to find homes for men with families. He is in touch with all local estate agents, and I was told, found few cases of landings wanting to "fleece" American tenants. The U.S. Air Force has a rigid rule: No man may bring his family over until he has accommodation for them.

Just arrived from Kansas City—where they had to take to the hills to get away from the flood

* PX or Post Exchange is the American equivalent of NAFL.

At lunch at the NCOs' club are Technical Sgt. Eugene Maloney with his wife and son Mike, four years old. All are interested in the child's comic. The club is lavishly fitted with American games and amusements—including pin-tables.

disaster—are the wife and little daughter of Major James Paerson. He has a house in Ruislip and says: "I am pleasantly surprised at the kindness of the people, particularly my neighbours."

Single men, mainly young national service privates, live in a comfortable barrack block in the headquarters. Off duty they may wear civilian clothes, their tartan shirts and "sunburst" ties added to Ruislip's American scene.

The Americans have their own cinema, and in a field behind the camp park their own baseball diamond.

The Ruislip Rockets are reckoned one of the best baseball teams among American forces in Europe. They have won 32 out of 38 games.



The CO buys a camera... In the PX shop—equivalent of Naafi—Major-General Leon W. Johnson is served by Miss E. B. Hart, of South Marlow.

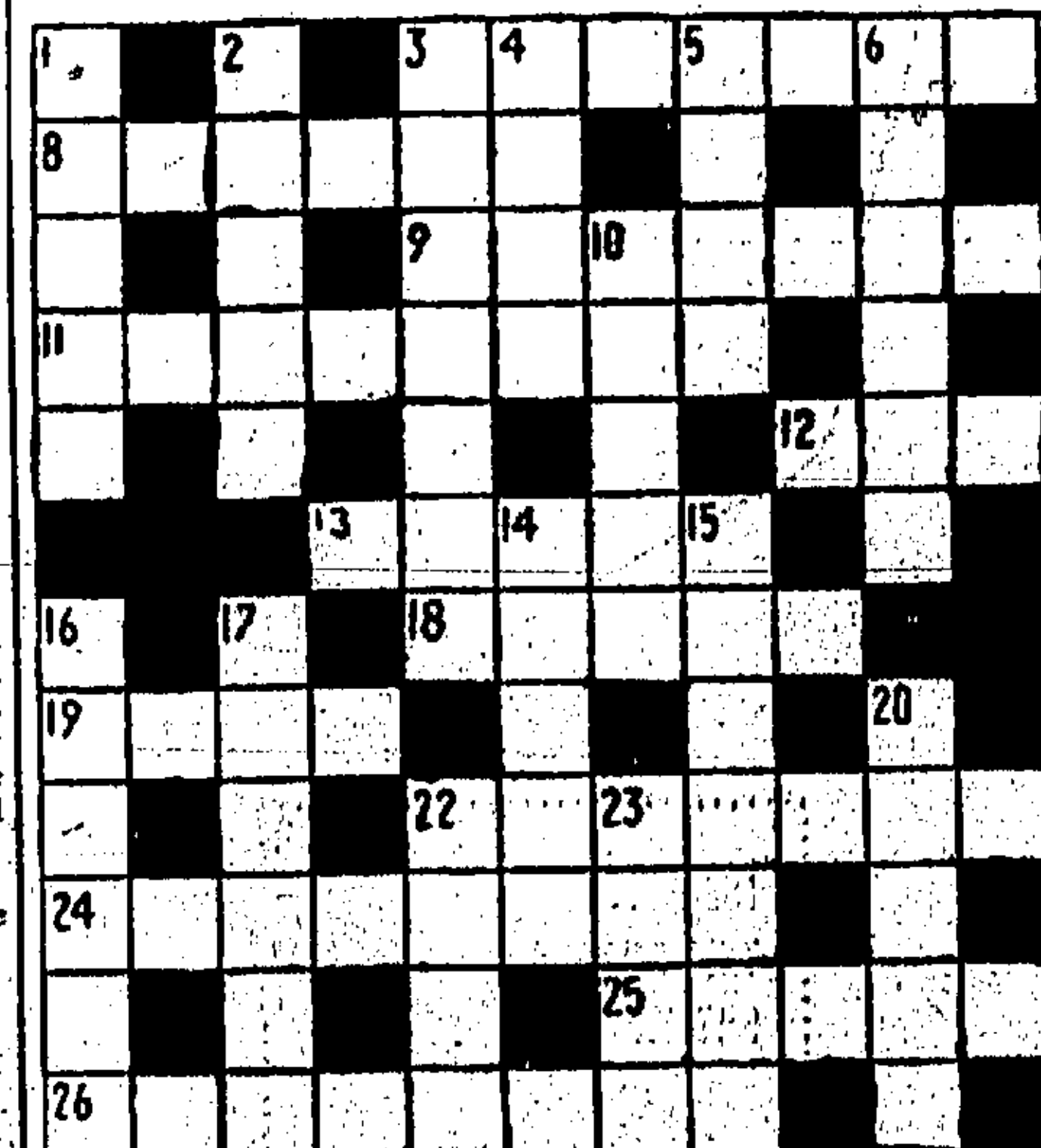


Sgt. Roy Hulman (nearest camera) and Sgt. W. Mortensen select tunes on the "juke box."

And for the winter season, Ruislip's basketball team is now starting practice.

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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Counterfeit (6)
 - Tell (6)
 - Disclosed (8)
 - Made up (6)
 - Monster (4)
 - Puzzle (6)
 - Blunder (5)
 - Frank (4)
 - Medium (6)
 - Ralder (6)
 - Delicious beverage (6)
 - Eased (8)
- DOWN**
- Fissure (5)
 - Copulent (7)
 - Tires hard (7)
 - Skin (4)
 - Regretted (4)
 - Constrain (6)
 - Unexpected (6)
 - Scene of action (5)
 - Gore (5)
 - Cut apart (7)
 - The first mentioned of two (6)
 - Motor spirit (6)
 - Dial (6)
 - Joyous (6)
 - Dumb (4)
 - Valley (4)
- YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD** Across: 5. Stagnate, 7. Admit, 8. Epitomes, 10. Outlier, 13. Theorem, 15. Heal, 17. Foresee, 18. Feasted, 20. Live, 21. Records, 26. Battle, 27. Trifling, 28. Enigma, 29. Returned, Down: 1. Sabot, 2. Smile, 3. Bleat, 4. Gosh, 5. Armies, 6. Enigma, 9. Prefer, 11. Eater, 12. Loose, 14. Modern, 16. Hello, 19. Atoll, 18. Fetter, 19. Awful, 22. Caged, 23. Rema, 24. Boats, 25. Skin.

THIS DREAM MEANS:

Your dream symbolises a very natural—not deeply repressed—longing for home, husband and family.

The lovely old mansion shut up for a long time is your own early home-life; you've been musing and hankering after its security and happiness.

You are forbidden to go over it until you become engaged to the caretaker; which suggests that you see in marriage the only way to regain and repeat that happiness. The playing children fit, of course, into the picture of the happy home.



Your partner does not seem to be clearly defined; perhaps for the moment you haven't quite made up your mind, and are more interested in marriage than in any particular man.

If so, given your wholesome instincts and happy childhood, you shouldn't have long to wait.

The beastliest kind of war as two ships lived it

by GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

THE CRUEL SEA. By Nicholas Monsarrat. Cassell. 12s. 6d. 416 pages.

IF anybody were seeking a theme for a war novel, he would hardly think of choosing the Battle of the Atlantic. That grim endurance match was the sternest test of grit ever imposed on a maritime people. It was the longest, severest, most critical of all the episodes of the war. It was all of these things and a great deal besides.

But does it lend itself readily to dramatic treatment? Has it a major, central hour of climax? Has it flamboyance, romance, the thrill of individual achievement? Hardly.

Yet in "The Cruel Sea," Monsarrat, taking the Atlantic war against the U-boats as his subject, has written the most successful and inspiring war novel so far published. It is a Book of the Month which, for many readers, will be the book of the year.

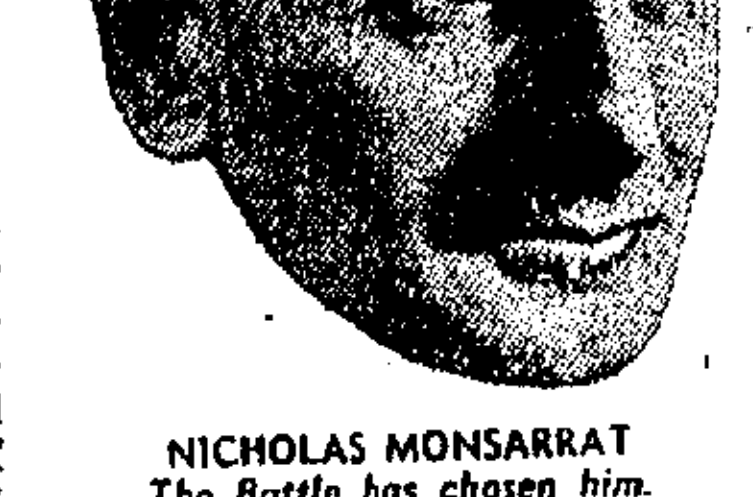
Monsarrat approaches his task with the confidence of one who knows the business inside out—sea-war and writing. His manner is clipped, exact, capable of rising to poignancy by a steady accumulation of understatement. A more rhetorical treatment might have been unbearable.

He is a single-minded author. The ships, their men, the enemy, the sea, the incidents that occur in this beastliest kind of fighting—these are his sole concern. He has chosen The Battle; it might be truer to say, The Battle has chosen him. The Cruel Sea has the marks of a novel that had to be written.

It has no plot. When, in an ill-advised moment, Monsarrat

He is more at home with the rough-hewn simplicities of seasickness, bad temper, comradeship, fear, guts, cold, desire to be at home with the wife, speculation as to whether the wife shares that emotion, etc. As he says, "The only heroines are the ships."

There are two of them, Compass Rose, a corvette which comes to a bad end, and her successor, Saltash, a frigate that manages to survive. About a 150 men are involved in the fortunes of the two vessels. Most of them die, when Compass Rose goes down Monsarrat notes how they died.



NICHOLAS MONSARRAT. The Battle has chosen him.

Some men died well," he says, providing list of examples. "Some died badly"—he gives the reasons why. One, for instance, was too old, he should have been by the fire with his grandchildren.

"Some men just died," having no thing in particular to live for (like Lieutenant Morell, whose wife was unfaithful to him in a high-class sort of way).

A few did not die, among whom were Ericson, the captain, and Lockhart, his Number One, the two men who are the fixed centre of the story. It seemed that after Compass Rose went down, the captain had nothing left to die with.

Ferraby, a young officer who joined the ship with Lockhart, was another who did not die. When we hear of him, he is playing with a piece of string in a home for those whose nerves have broken.

The cruel sea exacts its due in more than one currency.

For a long time the battle had resembled a game of hide-and-seek played by a few children in an enormous rambling garden. "If some of the children were vicious and cruel, and pinched you when you were discovered, that was nothing unexpected in a nursery world."

The children grow up. Night falls on the rambling garden. Horror haunts the nursery. There comes an early morning when Compass Rose, having at great risk picked up survivors of one sunk merchantman, gets an aside echo (indicating the presence of a U-boat) on the spot where forty survivors of another ship are swimming. Ericson is the captain; he must make the decision; the book says, "Attack at all costs." Compass Rose goes in at speed, dropping her depth charges among the swimmers.

Afterwards, looking at the sea, where only the seagulls stir, Ericson wonders if perhaps the echo has not come from the torpedoed ship sliding slowly to the bottom.

This incident opens the most terrible phase of the battle, and the book, Monsarrat, in his competent way, lets down the operatic fantasy of the David Heilmann and the horror of the Burnt Man. "Die," says Lockhart, inwardly, "do in all a favour, while he apples' optimism from his little 'tube' labelled 'use sparingly'."

This is the time of the Nine Skeletons, found roped together in the water. Why roped together? It doesn't matter. The line of the burning tanker, an incident which presages the burning of the ship, is over the sea. Under men can swim through it.

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The SNAPSHOT GUILD



Not all sports pictures call for extremely fast lenses or high shutter speeds. The picture at left was made with a shutter speed of 1/25 second; that on the right was taken with a simple box camera with a shutter speed of about 1/40 second.

SPORTS SHOTS WITH SIMPLE CAMERA

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The Jealous Lover

THE END OF THE AFFAIR. By Graham Greene. Heinemann. 10s. 6d. 237 pages.

GREENE has given up writing about human beings, for one novel only, let us hope. The characters in "The End of the Affair" look and talk almost as if they were alive; in fact they are skillfully carved dolls in a theological puppet show.

Let nobody suppose, however, that the word "puppet" implies anything light or frivolous. Far from it. It means that Sarah, the wayward wife who finds religion, Henry, her ineffective husband, and Bendrix, her lover, are manipulated in accordance with a set philosophical scheme. They exist to prove a case.

And the case is what? Marriage is miserable. The joys of adultery are joyless. As for physical love, could anything be more ignominious and squalid? In fact, mankind is hateful. Life itself is an unlikable aberration.

Seek to love God by hating yourself, if not your neighbour. That seems to be Greene's theme, stated with ferocious dialectical cunning.

The story through which Greene conveys his doctrine is simple and, divested of its subtleties of statement, implausible.

Years after his love-affair with Sarah is over, Bendrix's jealousy is roused by her husband, who thinks she has taken a new lover. Bendrix sets a private detective (a highly comic misadventure) on to Sarah.

Her diary, stolen by the detective, proves that she has not found a lover but, by diabolical routes, is seeking God. In the end—and in a great hurry—she finds faith, dies of consumption and performs what looks like two miracles (errors of judgment by Greene).

Unlikely as it may seem, this fable is narrated with a vigour and craft that hold the attention of a reader who has no belief in Greene's machinations. It is a story with tidily sparkling gems of pessimistic insight.

"To me the picture is never here; it is always just 'year' or 'next week'."

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BRAVES AND SAINTS SHOULD DRAW A RECORD CROWD TO KING'S PARK TOMORROW

Says "GRANDSTAND"

After a three-week layoff from diamond activities, Braves and St Joseph's emerge again to engage in a battle royal which is expected to draw a record crowd of fans to King's Park tomorrow at 11.30 a.m., while South China take on the Overseas in an all-Chinese classic to feature the "A" Division Softball programme.

The Junior League Delawares will face strong opposition from the Wildfires this afternoon at 2.30 p.m. while the Caroline Hill rookies tangle with the Rexes, followed by a scuffle between the Wahoons and Pool To in the Ladies' League.

St Joseph's nine, who have been called everything from old men to hasbeens, astounded fans recently when they humbled the high-flying Jaguars in every department of the game, and as a result have reinstated themselves in the estimation of their fast dwindling followers.

It is an old saying that as the teams go, so do the fans. The Braves being at the top of the heap, quite naturally have the largest number of followers, and the grandstand tomorrow is expected to be jam-packed with partisan enthusiasts.

St Joseph's lineup of veterans includes players who have participated in Softball ever since the introduction of the game to the Colony while the Braves consist of players who have risen to the top via the Junior League which was inaugurated after the War. Such being the case, the forthcoming tussle should be one of youth versus experience.

WRITTEN OFF

The Shaggy Saints, who were written off by the beach wolves after their unsuccessful attempt the last two years, have drawn several follow-up back to their camp, and are now still strong enough to be a serious threat to the flag-chasers, and no doubt the Braves who are gunning for their third consecutive pennant will field nothing but their strongest if the question is will they be strong enough to check the record of the once invincible outfit.

Chapman Remedios will toe the rubber for the Tribe unless mentor Charlie Figueiredo has been able to curb the erratic

Arthur Peall says:

RISKY SNOOKER SHOTS BEST LEFT ALONE

DOUBTFUL scoring chances are best ignored at snooker unless a big break must be kept going.

Failure to put my diagram last week at a snooker table and may set a profitable snooker. Strike white ball. Aim high, but not too high for my billiard in off diagram (left). This is a good shot to practice left-handed.

London Express Service

tendencies of potential hurlers Gerry Roza-Peireira and Spiky Gutierrez, while the Saints battery will be either Sherry Buck or Tony Kwok on the mound with S. H. "Modest" Khan behind the batter.

Both outfits have a sufficient quota of distance clouters and the result will probably hinge on whichever side commits the first blunder in a crucial spot, but in any case the score is bound to be close and this game should rank as a "must" on all Softball fans' calendar.

A victory for the Braves will consolidate their League leadership while a setback will create a five-way tie in the "A" Division.

OVERSEAS ALL SET

The Overseas Chinese, who are still basking in the after-glow of their triumphant effort against the Pandas a fortnight ago with a 12-0 shellacking, a time which Wally Mar finds difficult to forget, are all set to tackle the Caroline Hill outfit coached by P. K. Lau to decide supremacy in the Chinese section of the League—at any rate for the moment.

Although not much is seen of South China during practice sessions, it is understood that they have been holding secret workouts regularly at Caroline Hill, and not to be caught napping. Overseas mentor Frank Poon's outfit have been punishing the horseshoe at least twice a week.

Opposing hurlers will be Lam Ping for the Overseas against P. C. Wong of South China, and although there is not much difference in their hurling power, the Carolinians have a slight edge in that they are now seasoned campaigners while the Overseas, who were formerly the Junior Dragons, have just graduated to Senior League play.

FATE HITS AMERICANS

In the "B" Division, the Warriors are ready to take on the Americans and pilot Ray Cordeiro has signed on additional strength to keep pace with the leaders.

Fate, however, seems to have struck the Americans again,

with Malone laid up on account of a knee injury, while Ernie Staber, who was one of the infield mainstays, has been transferred elsewhere.

In spite of this, however, the Yanks are determined to fight every inch of the way until the last out of the seventh inning.

Tony Kwok's Delawares will meet stiff opposition from the Wildfires when they tangle at 2.30 p.m. this afternoon, and if the Delawares are to protect their unblemished record they must go all out.

In the Ladies' League, the Wahoons should have no difficulty in chalking up a victory against Pool To, who are still in their rookie year.

The Green Owls have run away with the title for the last four years and it will take more than Chev To's pea-green outfit to create an upset over the powerful outfit who have the cream of the available talent and are being handled by Bimby Along this season.

The verdict being a foregone conclusion, the only angle of interest is whether hurler Chief Wahoo Terry Morona can hang up a record in the number of strikeout victims.

While on the subject of strikeouts, it is reported in the latest issue of Balls and Strikes, the official paper of the Softball Association of the Americas, that Sherrill Freye, the Union Wire Rope mound ace of Kansas City, unranked a perfect game with 18 strikeouts, facing 21 batters in a seven inning affair.

WEEK-END PROGRAMME

Programme for the week-end:

TODAY: 2.30 p.m. Dragons v Pandas; Delawares v Wildfires; 4.00 p.m. South China v Rexes (Junior); Pool To v Wahoons (Ladies).

TOMORROW: 10.00 a.m. Baseballers v Dodgers (Senior "B"); 11.30 a.m. St. Joseph's v Braves (Senior "A"); 1.00 p.m. 35 Bantams v Blue Sox; Aces v Griffins (Juniors); 2.30 p.m. South China v Overseas (Senior "A"); Warriors v Americans (Senior "B").

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



When Sugar Ray Landed A Knockout And It Killed A Man

By HAROLD MAYES

Sugar Ray Robinson was determined to make his first defence of the world welterweight title something out of the ordinary. That night in June, 1947, in Cleveland, Ohio, he put everything he had into his contest with Jimmy Doyle, the West Coast sharp-shooter with the Irish name. Robinson maintained a ceaseless bombardment, but Doyle kept moving in, throwing punches from all angles. Nevertheless, Ray was in complete charge from the opening gong.

He was so far on top that it looked like just another routine win for Robinson. Doyle certainly scored with a few stiff punches, and had actually opened a cut over Sugar's eye—something which we know from recent experience is likely to turn the Harlem dancing master into a "killer."

This time it actually did. Doyle charged in, his left hand low, and as he did so Robinson met him with one of those perfectly timed out-of-this-world punches of his. As Doyle moved within range he ran straight into a crushing straight right to the jaw.

Doyle crashed to the canvas backwards. His head hit the floor. At the count of six he managed to get up on his elbows. With the count nine, the bell rang for the end of round eight.

Doyle was dragged by his seconds to his corner, and although the referee was intimating that the fight was not yet over, Doyle's manager ran over to Ray and raised his hand in victory.

KNEW NOTHING

The one man who knew nothing about it was Doyle. He collapsed, never regained consciousness, and died in hospital 17 hours later.

Another fighter had died. And in this instance, just as in the case of the more recent death of George Flores, Doyle had a boxing history. A year earlier, in the same Cleveland ring, Doyle had fought a ten-round contest with Arlie Levine.

Levine was a hard puncher, but Doyle, a polished boxer, had given his opponent a lesson for nine rounds. In the 10th Levine caught him with a right cross to the jaw. As Doyle felt his head struck the metal turnkey used for tightening the ropes, he went to hospital with concussion.

As far as could be seen, the injury didn't do him permanent harm. He laid off for eight or nine months, and then returned to the ring to score a succession of victories which earned him his crack at the title.

The question which must be asked, but which, unfortunately, can never be answered, is: How far was Doyle's first injury responsible for his death?

This much I know. For a long time afterwards it made a very deep impression on Robinson. He didn't fight again for two months, a long time for Robinson in those days.

And during that period he wondered whether he would have to attempt to "pull" his blows, or just what would be the outcome. He finally convinced himself that if he was to continue boxing he just had to go on trying to knock out his opponents at the earliest possible moment.

Having finally made his decision, he knocked out each of his next two opponents in a round, and won all of his five remaining fights that year by the short route.

THEY MUSTN'T FORGET

But he still went on remembering. The problem was with him even in the closing stages of the recent middleweight title contest with Randolph Turpin in New York. I asked him why during the course of his final flurry of punches, he seemed to hesitate for a moment.

"The last four and a half rounds were blank," he said. "Twice in the next fortnight I collapsed, and knew it was time to hang up my gloves. But I was determined to establish the medical reason for my condition."

"For months I argued with doctors—two of my brothers are in the profession—and all of them refused to confirm my

theory that a man can be so knocked down by a powerful punch that a complete knockout as is known in boxing does not take place, but a partial state of concussion is present so that he continues to come to his feet by instinct alone, and only cerebral haemorrhage resulting in death will keep him down."

"Eventually I had my views confirmed by an eminent brain surgeon," he added.

From time to time there are suggestions that ring risks could be reduced by such means as the use of bigger gloves, or heavier padding under the ring canvas, and even of the use of some kind of crash helmet to protect the back of the head in the event of a knockdown.

NOT THE ANSWER

The outside medical authority I have consulted on these points does not think that bigger gloves would be the answer. His contention is that the cumulative effect of a number of blows might be more dangerous than a single knockout punch from smaller gloves.

On the question of head covering he insists that the introduction would be of no use at all. In New York, after the Flores death there were discussions whether the brain injury was caused by the force of the final blow or the contact with the ring floor.

This doctor states categorically that the punch, the effect of which is transmitted by the jaw to the base of the skull, is a much more likely killer than contact with the floor of the ring after it has been delivered.

And as for heavier padding, it could even increase the risk by slowing down even the faster boxers to the stage where they become treacle-footed, making them more likely to stop punches than would otherwise be the case.

Those views are endorsed by Marnie Seamon, trainer of Joe Louis, who has spent something like 40 years in boxing. But Marnie has other opinions, too, which he expresses forcefully.

"The wonder to me is that there are not more accidents," he said. "The majority of boxers don't take their business half seriously enough. They just want to go around calling themselves prizefighters without really doing the serious job of working at it."

CAN'T BE TOO CAUTIOUS

"When I came into the business there weren't 60 trainers or a 100 managers in the whole United States. Now everybody calls himself a manager or a trainer."

"And you can't expect a 'shoemaker' to manage or train a fighter. The result is that many boys do not even know the elementary principles, such as when they should eat before a fight, or even when they should eat before training. If they don't know the beginnings of it all, how can you expect them to be really fitted for a tough business?"

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"BENDORAN"	Havre, Liverpool, Glasgow, Avonmouth & Hull	12th Nov.
"BENLEDI"	Liverpool, Dublin, Hamburg & Antwerp	19th Nov.
"BENCLEUCH"	Kobe & Yokohama	21st Nov.
"BENWYVIS"	Havre, London & Rotterdam	24th Nov.
"BENVORLICH"	Kobe & Yokohama	23rd Dec.
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ZOO'S WHO



General Tin And The Diamonds

—But They Weren't At All What He Expected!—

By MAX TRELL

KNAIF and Hand, the shadow-children with the turned-out noses, had heard lots of stories from General Tin, the tin soldier, about his hunting expeditions. So when they found him standing by the window in the playground with his musket over his shoulder, and looking as if he were thinking of something very important, they were quite sure it was about some expedition.

Hand, who was just on the point of asking the tin soldier to tell them what he was thinking about, was surprised to hear him say, "And I never was so disappointed in my life, my dear Hand."

Went Hunting

"It was the time I went hunting for diamonds." At this time Knaif had come over. "Diamonds?" said Knaif. "Do you have to hunt for diamonds, General Tin?" "Certainly, my boy. How do you find them otherwise?" Knaif admitted he hadn't thought about that. "You find them in the ground," continued General Tin. "I don't mean to say that all you have to do is get a shovel and dig a hole somewhere, say in your garden or back yard, and you'll find diamonds. Not at all! You have to look in the right place." "Where is the right place?" Hand asked curiously. General Tin was silent for a moment. Then he said in a sorrowful voice, "I don't know. I used to think it was in the meadow on the other side of the hill. I was there," he said, "where I once went hunting for them."

"And did you find any?" "Yes," replied General Tin, "and no. I did and I didn't. And I never was so disappointed in my life." Knaif and Hand now begged General Tin to tell them the whole story of his diamond-hunting expedition, and at last he nodded and began as follows:

Out The Window

"Every night," he said, "before I went to bed, I used to glance out of the window. Why I did I don't know. Perhaps I thought I might see some diamonds. For a friend of mine—a very old and very wise cat—told me that on some nights, if you looked sharply enough, you would see diamonds sparkling on the ground. So I kept looking, hoping to be lucky enough to see them."

"And then one night, when the full moon was shining and every-

one in the house was fast asleep, I saw them. Yes, they were sparkling on the ground, thousands of them, large and small. The wise old cat was right. They were diamonds. For what else could sparkle like them?"

"I wasted no time. Taking a large bottle to put the diamonds in, I set out at once for the field on the other side of the hill. It was there that the diamonds were sparkling the brightest. I climbed up the hill and climbed down the hill side by the light of the moon. And at length I was in the field of diamonds."

"Yes, my dears, there were thousands of them—thousands and thousands—too many to count. They weren't on the ground. They were hanging from the petals of the daisies and buttercups and dandelions. Indeed, some were even hanging from the blades of grass. I ran about, gathering them and dropping them into my bottle."

Whole Bottle Full

"Well, I guess I had nearly the whole bottle filled, when I noticed the sky beginning to get light in the east. The sun was starting to rise. I hurried home, happy as a lark. I had diamonds enough to keep me for the rest of my life. I had diamonds to give to my friends. I could hardly get home fast enough to look at them again and count them. And then at length I got home."

General Tin paused and sighed. "What happened?" cried Knaif. "I poured the diamonds out of the bottle. Yes, my dears—poured them. For alas, they had all turned to water."

"To water, General Tin! But how?" "They never were real diamonds," the general said sadly. "They were dew-drops, sparkling in the moonlight. The old cat had fooled me."

"But perhaps she didn't after all. For not even real diamonds could have sparkled more beautifully. I shouldn't have tried to take them away. I should have left them there, sparkling the whole night through. They weren't meant to make me rich. They were meant to be beautiful for everyone who saw them. And that's the story of my diamond-hunting expedition."

ANSWERS

CROSSWORD:

ACROSS	DOWN
1. ANGLE	1. Ice cream goes in this
2. PAPER	2. Mountain crest
3. ORACLE	3. Father
4. ANNE MAST	4. Shade tree
5. BEETS DOB	5. Peruse
6. SP. EAR RA	6. Encourages
7. TAP PORTS	7. Asiatic kingdom
8. SLAB VASE	8. Classified
9. GALE SHARP	9. Amoy

HOMONYMS:

Two, to too. RIDDLES: 1—The full moon is lightest. 2—Because they leave their spurs (spurs) behind them in the morning. 3—In the case of Noah (no A) before U and I were born. 4—Three mouths. 5—The letter E.

WORD SQUARE:

DART AREA TAKE

WORD CHAIN:

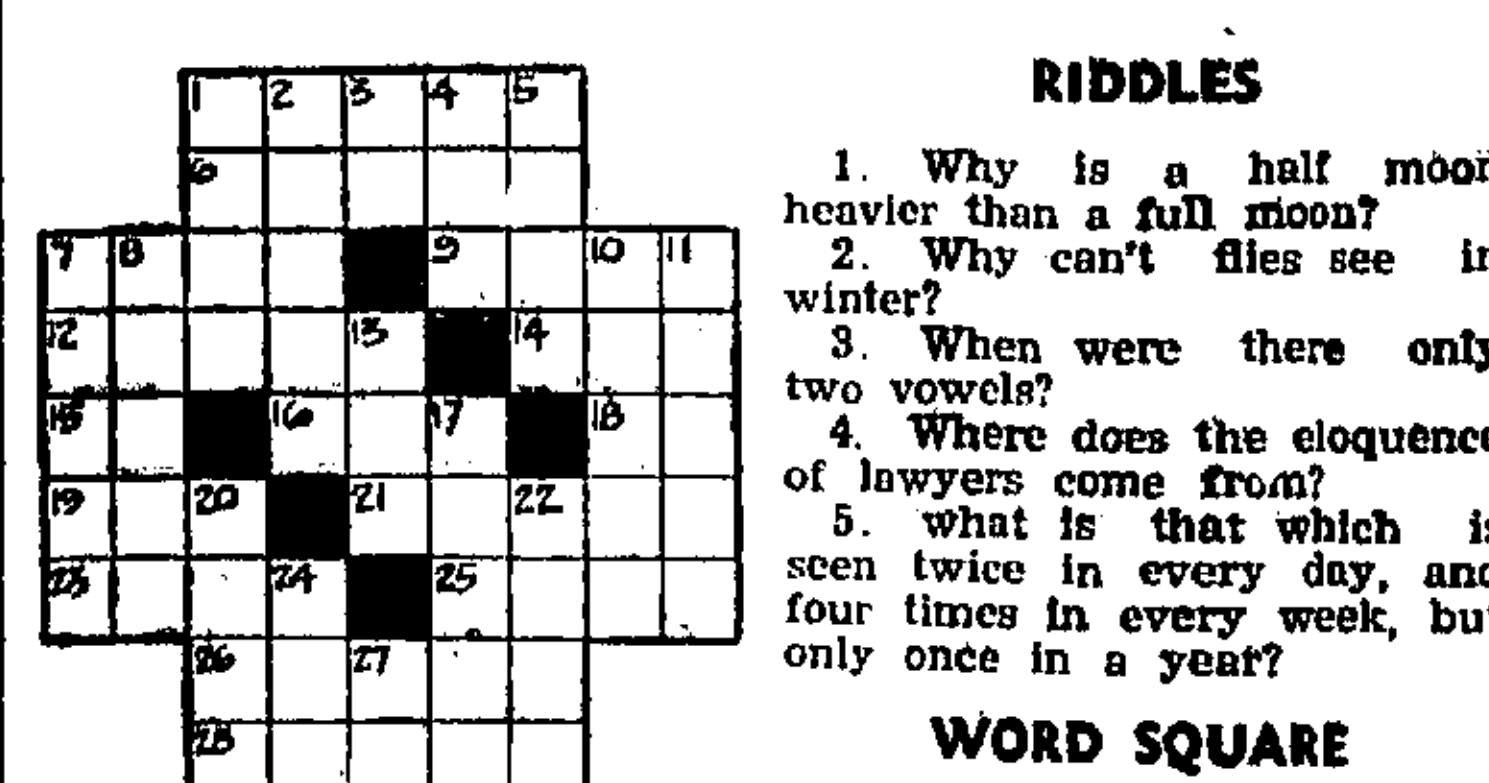
MOON, moon, born, born, born, born.

TRIANGLE:

IN AND OUT

TRAIN

PUZZLE PATCH



ACROSS

- Antic
- Papal cape
- English queen
- Spar
- Red vegetables
- Female deer
- Epistle (ab.)
- Organ of hearing
- Egyptian sun god
- Faucet
- Harbours
- Thick slice
- Flower container
- Bargain events
- Keen

DOWN

- Ice cream goes in this
- Mountain crest
- Father
- Shade tree
- Peruse
- Encourages
- Asiatic kingdom
- Classified
- Amoy
- This flows in trees
- Wanderer
- Go by
- Harsh file
- Exclamation of disgust
- Musical note.

WORD CHAIN

First change MORN to NOON in two moves, then to DARK in five more moves. After one letter at a time and form a good word each time.

TRIANGLE

TRAINER is the base for Puzzle Pete's triangle. The second word is "a symbol for iridium," third "a collection of sayings," fourth "against," fifth "a boy's name," and sixth "to chant."

HOMONYM

Fill in the blanks with words that sound alike, but are spelled differently.
He wanted _____ tickets _____ the dance, _____

Monarch Of All I Survey

By LEE PRIESTLEY

THE morose old Englishman huddled closer to the sparse fire in the study of his country house that day in 1719. Rain streamed against the panes of the windows but nothing was hidden that he cared to see. "Buried in this wilderness!" he snarled. "Lacking any comfort, condemned to the society of bumpkins!"

What a life for a man who had been a politician a pamphleteer, a novelist, a secret agent, a spy and at his highest point a friend of the King! To be sure, there was also a lowest point when the King's favour was lost and the erstwhile favourite had been locked in the pillories in a public square. But the old man remembered that, even then the crowds of London had known him, that his name was heard in the coffee houses, that money clinked in his pockets.

The opening door interrupted his thoughts. "If you please, sir," said his daughter timidly, "the irascible old man snapped at her. He had no liking for children, no love even for his own eight sons and daughters. 'Well, well! Speak up! What is it?'"

"The mail, sir." She handed him the bundle. "Delivered by the London coach at the inn. And oh, sir, they do be talking about a man who has become one of the sights of town, sir. A sailor man, dressed in garments of fur and half-savage because he was cast away on a desert island."

"Hush your clack, girl," the old man began tearing open his letters and glancing through the new issues of the newspapers.

There was the story the girl had been clacking about. Seikirk, the sailor who had lived alone four years on the island of San Fernandez. Hm. Now there might be the makings of a book there. Addressed, say, to gentlemen who liked high adventure, to ladies who

Five Funny Facts

Robins sing and mackerel swim while asleep; elephants sleep standing up, and ants, on awakening, yawn and stretch like human beings, according to a French naturalist.

A combination animal and vegetable is the New Zealand aweto, a caterpillar afflicted with a parasitic fungus which is a vegetable growth.

Crickets are used as watchdogs in Japan because they stop chirping at the slightest disturbance. The human body contains enough phosphorus to make 2,000 matches.

In the 15th century an English law forbade anybody under the rank of a baron to wear shoes with leather soles.—H. Allotson.

Rupert and the Ice-flower—4



Poor Rupert when this time he doesn't pay as much as other people when on icy roads. In turning round he has become careless, and when he begins to slide again, his feet slip and he is sent down with a certain bump. Rupert himself up rather shakily he hears chuckles from behind him. "Yes, I served you right," he mutters. "I had my reward for laughing. And oh dear, how funny! My legs are so stiff, I believe every one is broken! What shall I do?"

RUPERT and the WRONG PRESENTS



But Rupert had only to say yes to the look of his mother, looking down at Rupert's presents. There was no looking down at his look.

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This Unusual Hand Will Stay With You

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE national tournament in Washington is drawing to its close, and several hundred bridge stars are gnashing their teeth as they think of the bids they should have made and the cards they should have led. A few others are trying to look modest as they get the congratulations of their friends and rivals. Winners and losers alike, however, take home the memory of some of their unusual brilliancies. Some of those hands live in a bridge player's memory for years.

One hand that sticks in my mind, shown today, was dealt in the 1945 national championship. Sam Fry, Jr. held the West cards and had to find an opening lead. A diamond was out of the question, of course, but each of the other three suits presented a possibility. Since his own hand was worthless it was vital to lead the suit that would be best for his partner's hand.

Fry knew that his partner had

a good hand, otherwise he could not

have doubled three times. With a

good hand and strong holdings in

the majors, East would have taken

direct action over the opening bid

of three diamonds. Hence, Fry

reasoned, East must have a good

hand with the strength concentrated

in the minor suits.

On this reasoning Fry opened the

four of clubs. This was the better

lead. The defense speedily rattled

off five club tricks and eventually got

the ace of diamonds too, setting the

contract two tricks.

If Fry had opened a spade or a

heart South would have made three

trumps. For example, South wins

the opening heart lead and leads

diamonds until East leads the ace

on the third round. East leads an

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